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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Holy Land Strife

THE anxiety which has been expressed by Mr. C. B. Lodge and Sir Gladwyn Jebb over developments in Palestine are not misguided. In truth the latest incidents which are causing considerable concern are but new manifestations of the irritable relations which have existed between Israel and the Arab states since open fighting ceased in 1929. There is a special reason why Great Britain, France and the United States must view with concern the worsening of relations between Israel and Jordan. The governments of these three countries announced on May 25, 1950 that it was their policy to maintain the frontiers or armistice lines they would immediately take action to prevent it, both inside and outside the United Nations. This was one of the safeguards under which they were prepared to deliver a limited supply of arms to the former combatants for the purposes of their internal security and legitimate self-defence. But a situation is now developing which may call for intervention, if not by the Big Three acting as an independent unit, then by the United Nations Security Council.

CHARGE and counter-charge are bandied about freely, and it is possible that neither side is wholly guilty of violations of the armistice. The present frontier bears no relation to ethnic or economic facts. It is the line along which the armies happened to stand when the cease-fire was sounded in 1929. Jordan is swarming with refugees who cross the frontier by stealth to renew acquaintance with their kinsfolk or to pick fruit from their own trees. Nor can the Government of Jordan be wholly blamed, as it is recognised to be beyond the power of the Jordan police and armed forces to control every mile of the long and unnatural border—at any rate without the goodwill and co-operation of the corresponding forces on the other side. It is disturbing to note that excursions across the frontier have often been led by Israeli troops. Earlier this year the attacks on the Jordan villages of Falama and Hantla were especially notorious, while the present crisis is in large part due to an armed Israeli assault on the Jordan village of Qulbya last week in which more than fifty Arabs were reported to have been killed. Clearly the Israeli Government must assert its authority more effectively to keep its troops in order. Clearly also the Arab States should abandon their attitude of implacable resentment against the new State. The only wise course, for both sides to adopt is a policy of reconciliation with each other, for open conflict means endangering the whole of the Middle East.

December 1 Target For Korean Envoy Leaves TO MEET COMMUNISTS

Washington, Oct. 21.

Mr Arthur Dean, special Ambassador, took off for the Far East today with the hope that he can convince the stalling Communist negotiators to agree to a Korean peace conference "as soon as possible."

Mr Dean promised to do his "best" to arrange the Korean political talks by December 1.

He held a last-minute conference with the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, at the National Airport. Mr Dulles arrived at the airport from New York only a few minutes before Mr Dean and his staff took off.

Mr Dean, Mr Dulles' delegate to the Korean discussions, will meet Chinese and North Korean Communist negotiators at Panmunjom on Monday. This meeting was called to arrange for the full-dress Korean peace conference.

The ambassador will stop en route to Panmunjom for talks in Tokyo and Seoul.

Just before boarding his plane, he said he hoped his meeting with the Communists would "bring us one step nearer to the peace for which the world is anxiously waiting."

The United Nations, he said, hoped the political conference would "follow in the near future at an appropriate time and place." He said the United States hoped the peace conference would take place at San Francisco, Honolulu or Geneva—places already proposed by the U.N.

"We are, however, open-minded about where the conference should be," he added, "so long as the place has adequate facilities and will be conducive to the success of the conference."

Mr Dean carries orders to press for an immediate agreement to resume the war unless the political conference which, under the Korean armistice terms, was supposed to begin next Wednesday.

Mr Dean's mission has taken on special urgency because of South Korea's renewed threat to resume the war unless the political conference begins soon. Earlier efforts to get the talks started have stalled because of the deadlock on the Communist demand that "neutral" countries participate.

Mr Dean has been authorized to discuss the compromise on the issue but not to make any commitments without the approval of Mr Dulles and other allied representatives.

There have been persistent reports, however, that he might indicate the United Nations willingness to compromise on this controversy in the interest of getting the political conference started.—United Press.

All Aboard Plane Killed

Monterey, Mexico, Oct. 21.
A rancher who returned today from the mountains on which a Mexican government plane crashed and burned on Monday said that all aboard were killed.

Fourteen persons were listed as passengers and there may have been more. They included Mexican musicians, ballet dancers and newsmen and an American editor.

The rancher, Procopio Medina, said bodies and wreckage were scattered over a 1,300-foot area.—United Press.

PARTY DISOWNS ITS PRESIDENT

Kashmir's ruling Party, the National Conference, today formally disowned its President, the deposed and gaoled former Prime Minister, Sheikh Abdullah.

The General Council of the Party elected the new Prime Minister, Mr Ghulam Bakshi Mohammedi, as President in Sheikh Abdullah's place.

The General Council also decided unanimously to disown the Party Secretary-General, Mr Maulana Mohd Sayeed Masoodi, who opposed the Government change, brought about last August.

It alleged that Mr Masoodi, a member of the Indian House of

People (Lower House of Parliament), had "encouraged disruptive elements" after the Government change and was not in a position to "purge and reorganise" the Party as desired by the General Council.

The Council decided to set up a Central Political School to "train political teachers, to impart political education at lower levels, to give a sound, solid political grounding to workers and end the infiltration

of a communal and pro-imperialist ideology."

Ninety of the 112 members of the Council attended today's meeting, the first since Sheikh Abdullah was dismissed from the Premiership.

The Council authorised the President to purge the Party of "disruptive, politically undependable and opportunistic elements."—Reuter.

The Latest In Submarines



The unique "Minisub" has just been produced in the United States, and undergoes tests off Catalina Island, California. The operator is completely enclosed—in a laminated glass-cloth hull. It is "free flooded" requiring the operator to wear a face mask and an Aqualung (two tanks of compressed air which straps to the operator's back, and an attached mouth-piece for breathing under water). The "sub" is 8 1/2 ft. long and is 22 inches wide and weighs 145 lbs.—London Express.

FIVE-POWER TALKS ON TRIESTE

Big Three Issue Invitation

Washington, Oct. 21.

The Yugoslavian Ambassador, Mr Vladimir Popovic, said today that an invitation had now been issued by the Big Three Western Foreign Ministers for a five-power conference on Trieste.

The invitation was issued following the Big Three Foreign Ministers' conference in London.

Mr Popovic told a luncheon of a group of diplomatic correspondents here that the invitation of the Western powers had not yet been answered by all those invited, for example, Italy.

He said that negotiations were going on in order to define the scope of the conference.

Mr Popovic said several times that he was confident that a conference between the Big Three and Italy and Yugoslavia would take place in an effort to reach a mutually acceptable solution of the controversy over the disposition of the free territory of Trieste.

He said that any delay in holding the conference "would not only be harmful, but extremely dangerous."

He said that such a conference could only take place before Britain and the United States implemented their decision, announced on October 8, to hand over the occupation of Zone "A" of Trieste to the Italians.

He said that to hold a conference about the disposition of Trieste after the decision had been made would "have no sense at all."

PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The Ambassador said the purpose and scope of such a conference should be to raise the substance of the Trieste problem. If its purpose was only to seek to make a formula for imposing the decision of October 8, the conference would have no meaning.

Yugoslavia could not attend a conference with such a purpose.

Asked what he thought Yugoslavia regarded as the best solution of the Trieste problem, the Ambassador said that the best solution would be the internationalisation of the city

Syrian, Iraqi Troops Rushed To Jordan

DEMONSTRATIONS IN AMMAN

Amman, Oct. 21.

Damascus Radio said today that Syrian and Iraqi troops had rushed into Jordan on the way to Jerusalem to reinforce the Arab Legion, as Jordan's Premier demanded that the Arab League back his country with troops to help fight Jewish "jungle law."

Amman demonstrators stoned a United States centre for officers and offices of the British Council, reports from Beirut said. The reports added that little damage was done.

Jordan demanded formally that the Arab League fulfil for the first time its security pact to help any member under attack.

Premier Fawzi El Mulki opened the League's Political Committee meeting and said Jordan's "enemy now only knows jungle law."

He asked the Committee to stand for a minute in mourning for Arabs killed in the Qulbya attack by Israeli forces.

Meanwhile, demonstrators surged through the streets, demanding revenge for the bloody Israeli attack on Qulbya and two other Jordan border villages last week and threatened to stage a general strike for concrete results from the League meeting.

Premier Mulki told the meeting there were "120,000 persons on the frontier, living in fear and not knowing whether the morning will come."

Although the Committee met in secret session, it was believed members intended to visit the Jerusalem frontier and other frontier towns for a first-hand look at the situation.

Three premiers and other top politicians of seven Arab countries gathered to consider Jordan's demand for help.

The conference was to discuss counter-measures against the present military conditions, strengthening of the national guards and presentation of the Palestine problem to the United Nations Security Council.—United Press.

EMBASSY STONED

Amman, Oct. 21.
Demonstrators stoned the French Embassy and the United States "Point Four" aid offices here today and tried to attack the British Embassy.

The demonstrations lasted all day but no casualties had been reported when they ended tonight.

The Prime Minister of Jordan, Dr Fawzi El Mulki, blamed "extremist agitators" for causing the trouble.

He said they had infiltrated among peaceful demonstrators to cause a disturbance.

Yesterday, the Jordanian Prime Minister declared that his country would meet with force any further Israeli attacks on Arab villages.

The Political Committee of the Arab League, meeting here tonight under the chairmanship of Dr Fawzi El Mulki, discussed the following items on its agenda:

A general survey of border incidents since January;
The Qulbya village massacre;
Measures taken by the Jordanian Government;
The present situation of the Jordanian Army and home guard;

And the Palestine situation in the light of the Security Council's discussions.—Reuter.

TO HEAR REPORT
United Nations, Oct. 21.
The Security Council is to meet on Friday morning and afternoon to hear the report of Major-General Bennike, head of the Palestine truce organisation general staff, on the Qulbya incident and Israeli-Jordan relations.

Over fifty Arabs were said to have been killed in the armed Israeli attack on the Jordan village of Qulbya last week.—France-Press.

Soldier Found Guilty Of Cowardice

Catterick, Oct. 21.

A general court martial today found a British soldier guilty of cowardice in face of the enemy.

The soldier, accused in the first case of its kind in Britain for 80 years, was Fusilier Patrick E. Lydon, who was sentenced to imprisonment for one year and to be discharged from the Army with ignominy.

Both the conviction and sentence are subject to confirmation.

Lydon has just returned to Britain after 18 months in a POW camp in Korea.

Defence evidence stated that Lydon deserted his own trench on the Korean front just before a Chinese attack on November 4, 1951, to visit a soldier friend in another trench.

Defence said that while returning to his own trench he was blown by a shell into a trench where Lieutenant A. F. Pateman was fighting single-handedly with an automatic weapon.

STAYED IN TRENCH

Lieutenant Pateman said that when he ordered Lydon to fight, the latter replied, "I can't fight, I have broken my little finger."

When British forces were compelled to withdraw after the battle in which Private Bill Speakman won the Victoria Cross, Lydon continued to lie in the trench.

He admitted surrendering "tamely" to the Chinese about an hour later.

Two doctors testifying for the defence said Lydon should never have been admitted to the army. They said that under a heavy barrage Lydon was paralysed by fear.

Lydon volunteered for service in Korea after completing his national service. He has a total of nearly six years in army service, three of them in Korea.

Mr Philip Niman, defending, said an appeal would be considered.

The Victoria Tower is 392 feet high. It has been encircled in tubular steel scaffolding for years, while masons have been restoring stonework.—China Mail Special.

Police were called to the Houses of Parliament today after people saw a young woman climbing the scaffolding of the Victoria Tower.

Police and workers went up the tower and brought the woman down. The girl, aged 20, climbed about 80 feet up the scaffolding. She was in a very nervous condition and transferred to a hostel after being seen by a probation officer.

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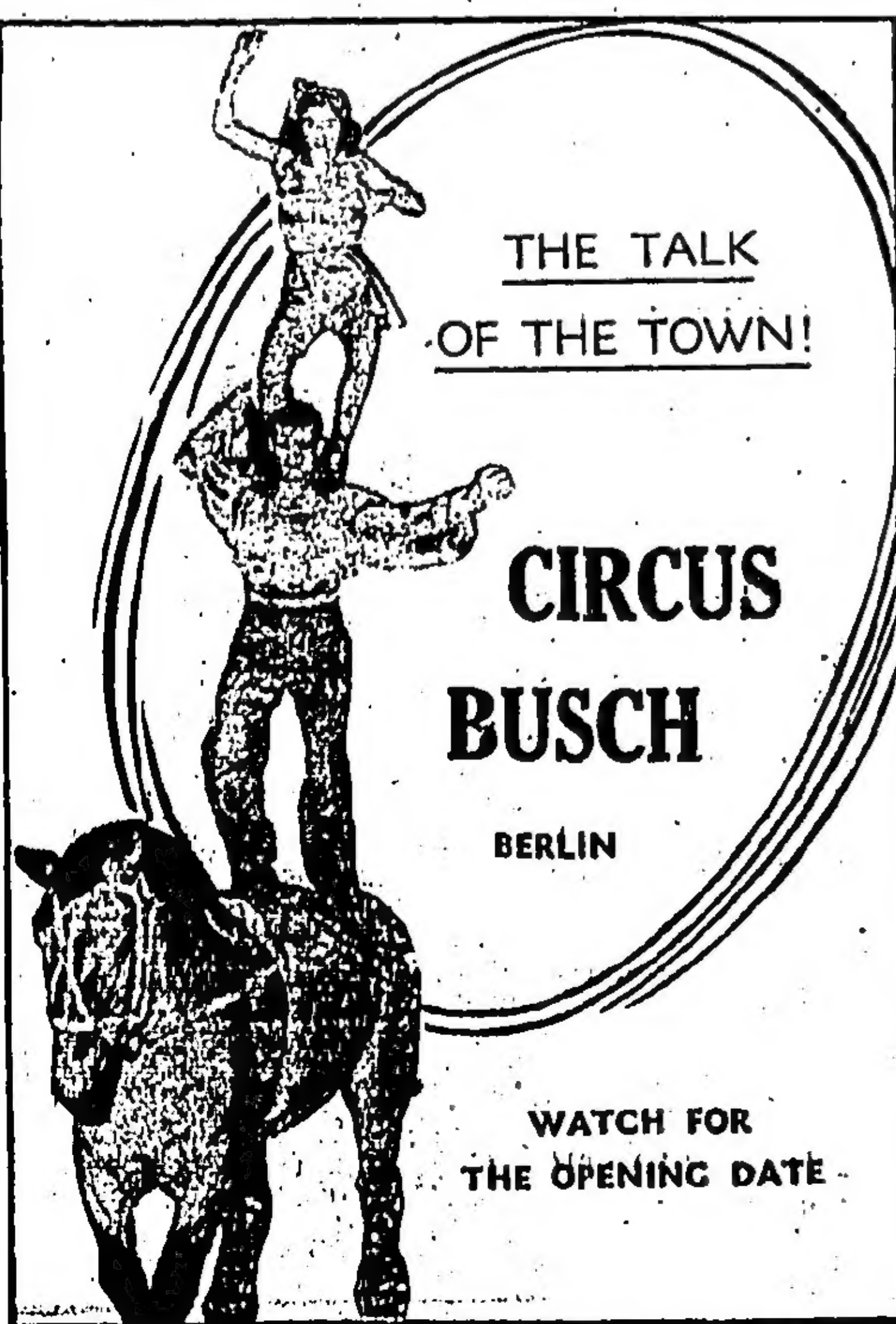
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Chaplin In Vineyards

Charlie Chaplin in a clowning mood when invited to help with the annual wine harvest at Villatte, near Lausanne. The famous comedian is now resident in Switzerland. — Express Photo.

Russian Press Outburst Against Britain And America

London, Oct. 21.

A powerful barrage of bitter Soviet propaganda attacks on the United States and Britain dimmed hopes today that the Kremlin will accept the West's latest invitation for a four-Power conference at Lugano on November 9.

The leading Soviet press brigades delinited alleged secret American plans to revive the German army and extended their attacks to the British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, for the first time since Georgi Malenkov came to power.

MYSTERY OF EXPLOSION

Havana, Oct. 21.

A heavy explosion, rocked buildings in the Vedado suburb today and was heard in the city proper.

After hours of mystery, during which police and newspapers were swamped by anxious telephone calls, it was announced that the explosion occurred in an artificial gas tank in a private home.

The police said apparently there were no casualties.

The blast brought scores of police cars to the Vedado area. They tried vainly to find the scene of the explosion. — United Press.

Observers see in these attacks a "first but pretty sure indication" that Moscow is preparing the ground for a virtual rejection of the "Four Big Powers" talks on a German and Austrian settlement.

The Government organ Izvestia, the Party paper Pravda and the Army publication Red Star have in the past 24 hours all launched violent accusations against alleged Anglo-American plans to speed German rearmament for aggressive purposes and to perpetuate the split in Germany.

Izvestia charged that the German Army is designed to be the "armoured fist" of the Atlantic forces and the gendarme of Western Europe.

BACK TO STALIN?

It charged that France is to be "reduced to the position of a mere appendage of the revived Wehrmacht."

Red Star and Pravda accused Sir Winston of serving an ultimatum to France in urging her to choose between ratification of EDC and possible German participation in NATO.

Expert officials on Soviet affairs said, "It looks as if we are back to the policy of the Stalin days if the tenor and tone of the latest Moscow press reactions is any indication of what the Kremlin has in store." — United Press.

Begging A Crowded Profession

New Delhi, Oct. 21.

Begging is becoming a crowded profession in Delhi where more than 1,500 men, women and children follow the calling.

A Delhi Municipality survey showed that it is now more professional than amateur, only 300 of the 1,500 being actually disabled or lame. The rest are people who find it an easy way to make a living.

The survey showed that as the profession adds to its ranks so do the methods of operation become more imaginative.

Most popular of the new "touches" depends on the tears trickling down a small boy's face (induced by fingers rubbed over with onion juice) and the English phrase "I've lost my purse and I'm afraid of my father."

Other variations are newspaper boys who have "had their papers stolen," shoe-shine boys ("I'm no beggar sir... I want to work") who have no brushes or polish, and "ear guards" who scratch the mudguards of the less generous motorists. — China Mail Special.

General Gruenther Back In Paris

Paris, Oct. 21.

General Alfred Gruenther, head of the Atlantic Pact Organisation in Europe, arrived by air from Athens today.

Earlier to y in Athens, he inspected Greek air and naval installations and said afterwards that progress in the Greek armed forces had been maintained. — France-Press.

Bold Effort To Solve UK Housing Shortage

London, Oct. 21.

Britain, now building new houses at the rate of 300,000 a year, is making a bold effort to solve the acute housing problem which has plagued her statesmen and her people since the end of World War II.

The sight of tidy suburban villas and high blocks of red-brick flats rising throughout the country has brought new hope to many young married couples who had despaired of ever having a home of their own.

But thousands of people are still forced to live with parents-in-law or rent furnished flats at rents higher than they can afford.

And while the new houses are going up another problem is becoming increasingly acute. Old houses are falling into decay, because landlords say that they cannot afford to pay for the extensive repairs needed while the Government pegs rents at pre-war levels.

The Conservative Government made an election pledge in 1950 that it would build 300,000 houses a year instead of the limit of 200,000 houses fixed by the previous Labour Government.

Success in fulfilling the pledge has brought applause and prestige to the Housing Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan. But Socialists claim that he has succeeded at the expense of badly needed school buildings and factories and by cutting down on standards of housing.

At the end of the war, Britain was faced with the need for nearly 2,000,000 new houses. Bombs had totally destroyed 220,000 houses and rendered another 250,000 permanently uninhabitable. Between 1939 and 1945, house-building had practically ceased.

The Labour Government which came into power in 1945 imposed rigid controls on building because of shortages of material. They allowed private builders to put up only a small number of houses. The rest of the programme was handed over to local authorities with instructions to build houses for letting.

WIPED OUT

The Conservatives wiped out many of the controls. They allowed private building firms to build as many houses for private sale as they could. The stipulation was that the size of the houses should not exceed 1,000 square feet. A house of this size usually has five rooms

and makes a comfortable home for a family of four. The cost of having such a home built, including the price of the one-fifth or one-sixth of an acre of land on which it stands, is about £2,500 sterling.

Most Britons having a new house built or buying an older house from its previous owner get the necessary capital through a Building Society.

They pay from their own funds a sum equivalent to from ten to 20 per cent of the value of the house and the Society lends them the rest. The standard length of mortgage is 20 years. During this period, the houseowner pays the Society twelve shillings and tenpence a month for every £100 he has borrowed. This covers both interest and capital repayment.

Britain is a nation whose people like to own their homes rather than rent them. Last year, 1,046,713 families were buying their houses through Building Societies, according to the Building Societies Association.

Though private builders now have a free hand, local authorities have not relaxed their efforts in building what are popularly known here as "Council houses."

CHEAP LOANS

These State-built homes are erected by city, town and County Councils, helped by subsidies from the National Government which grants them cheap, 60-year loans.

The houses can be bought by their tenants, but most are rented. Rents vary throughout the country, but can be as low as nine shillings and threepence a week and as high as 45 shillings a week. All have bathrooms and indoor toilets.

Some Councils have also built a few blocks of luxury flats for upper income tenants. The rents of these, with built-in refrigerators and labour-saving gadgets are about £4 a week. — China Mail Special.

Earning The Dollars

London, Oct. 21.

The Duke of Edinburgh said today the British motor industry was earning £1,000,000 daily in foreign currency.

The industry, he said, was expected to produce about 500,000 cars, lorries and buses in Britain this year.

The Duke made this statement when he opened the annual Motor Show. — China Mail Special.

Angled Deck For Carrier

Melbourne, Oct. 21.

The angled flight deck now being incorporated in British and United States aircraft carriers will be built into HMS Melbourne, now being refitted for the Royal Australian Navy in the United Kingdom.

Announcing this, Navy authorities said the new deck would allow Melbourne's aircraft to land with much less risk than on the conventional straight deck, and would increase operational efficiency.

The Navy Minister, Mr William McMahon, said fitting the new deck would delay completion of Melbourne for about six months, and she would be ready for commissioning by the middle of 1955. — China Mail Special.

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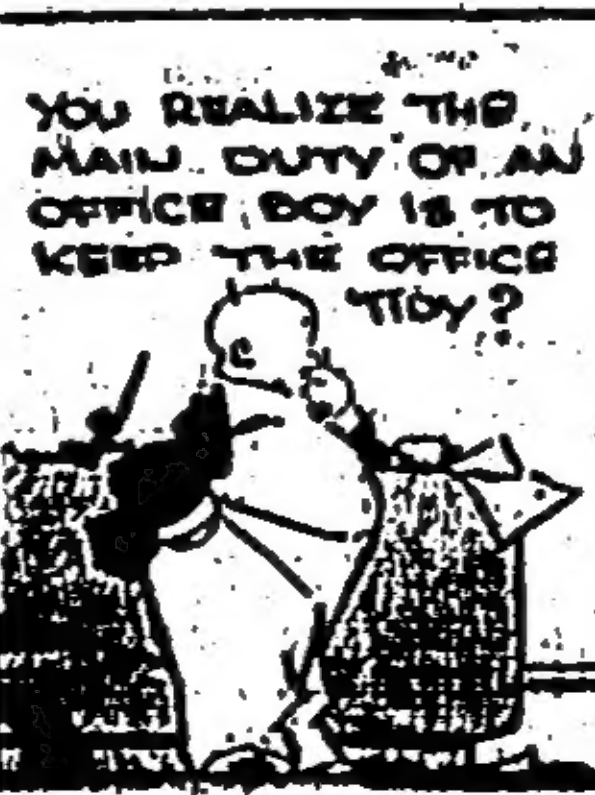
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Offensive By Karens Imminent?

Increased Activity In SE Burma

Rangoon, Oct. 21. Reports during the last few days of increased activity in south-east Burma indicate that Karens, in alliance with Kuomintang (Chinese Nationalist) guerrillas, are preparing for an offensive now that the monsoon is ending.

The Karens claim they will occupy the whole Thabeik area, about 100 miles east of Rangoon, when they next attack. Reports reaching Rangoon tell of insurgent concentrations in the hills and the construction of food supply dumps and lines of communication.

Kuomintang guerrillas and Karens are reported to be jointly renovating a wartime air strip, near Amherst, about 60 miles south of Thabeik.

A Burmese War Office spokesman said Karen recruits were being sent north to Kuomintang headquarters at Mawlaik, in the eastern part of the Shan States, to receive military training.

The spokesman discounted newspaper reports of mysterious aircraft which were said to fly singly over Thabeik at night. — Reuters.

RANGOON CONFIDENT

Rangoon, Oct. 21. A Burmese War Office spokesman today expressed his confidence in the ability of the Burmese Government forces to defeat successfully the Kuomintang and the surrounding area against an attack by Karens, who are reportedly allied to Chinese Nationalist troops in that sector.

He was commenting on persistent rumours from Moulmein that the Karens, rebels and the Kuomintang rebels had rebuilt a wartime air-strip near Amherst, some 50 miles south of Moulmein and another one near the Burma-Thailand border, and were planning to attack Kyaukse, some 12 miles south-east of Moulmein.

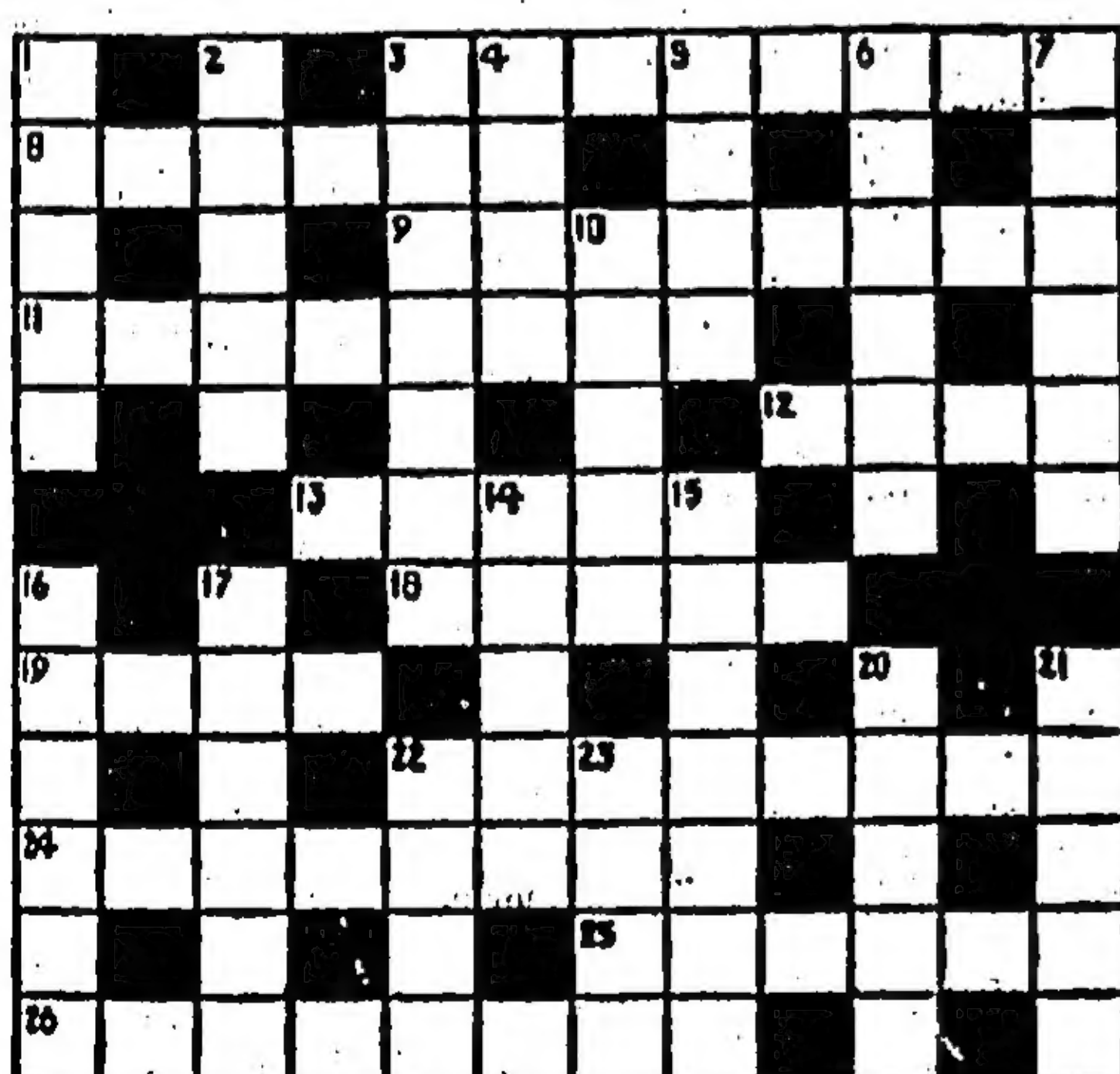
The rebel situation in southern Burma has been obscured by reports that high-ranking Communist and Karen leaders have met recently in Danyang, 60 miles north of Rangoon, to discuss the reasons which motivated the Karen alliance with the anti-Communist forces in Burma. — France-Press.

Casey Visiting Pakistan

Karachi, Oct. 21. Australian Foreign Minister Richard Casey arrived today on a three-day visit to Pakistan. He had visited New Delhi where he attended the Colombo Plan conference.

During his stay in Karachi, he will meet Premier Mohammed Ali and other members of the Pakistan Cabinet. — France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Alarmed (8).
- 8 Mumble (8).
- 9 Outfit (8).
- 11 Estimates (8).
- 12 Row (4).
- 13 Send (5).
- 15 Personal record (5).
- 16 Ages (4).
- 22 Old weapon (8).
- 24 Lazy (8).
- 25 Middle (8).
- 26 Softened (8).

DOWN

- 1 Fishing-boat (5).
- 2 Checks (5).
- 3 Fastened (7).
- 4 Gait (4).
- 5 Decays (4).
- 6 Clear (8).
- 7 Wilderness (6).
- 10 Pigment (6).
- 14 Ecclesiastical head-dress (5).
- 15 Had confidence in (7).
- 16 Older (8).
- 17 Barbarian (8).
- 20 Diminish (5).
- 21 Possessed (5).
- 22 Tribe (4).
- 23 Formerly (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across.—3 Submerge, 7 Night, 8 Artifice, 10 Feeble, 13 Extreme, 15 Rest, 17 Asseris, 18 Illust, 20 Dead, 21 Natural, 22 Tirade, 27 Ordained, 28 Biking, 29 Streets, Down.—1 Knife, 2 Zebra, 3 State, 4 Main, 5 Raider, 6 Evaporate, 7 Remedy, 8 Exile, 9 Strait, 10 Estate, 13 Reptile, 14 Stead, 16 Idiot, 17 Larder, 22 Tides, 23 Rapid, 24 Edge, 25 Hiss.

Professor Released



One of the oldest people to be returned to Germany from Russia in 81-year-old Professor Arnold Wardchmidt, Senator of the Prussian Academy of Arts, creator of the Society Hall in Bremen and of the monumental relief on the former Aviation Ministry. He is seen here on his return in 1945 by the Russians. — Express Photo.

London Police Call For Women Recruits

London, Oct. 21. More women are to be recruited for the Metropolitan Police, a Scotland Yard spokesman said today.

The force is being increased by two inspectors, four sergeants and 60 constables.

Scotland Yard welcomed applications from women between 20 and 35, of British nationality, and with a good education and physical fitness. They must be at least five feet four inches in their stockings.

Married women are also eligible, provided they can balance their domestic life with the requirements of police service. — China Mail Special.

The First In South Africa

Johannesburg, Oct. 21. The 'South African Defence Minister, Mr. J. Erasmus, today opened in Lyttelton, near Pretoria, the Union's first armaments factory, manufacturing small arms, anti-tank weapons and aircraft rockets.

Mr Erasmus said that the factory would be primarily a 'reservoir for technical skill' and the evidence of the country's determination to prepare against Communist aggression on any front in its alliance with the Western democracies.

The opening of the plant was an important milestone in the development of South Africa's defence system, he said. — France-Press.

French Government To Send Ultimatum To Bao Dai

BRINGING POSITION TO A HEAD

Paris, Oct. 21. A French Government ultimatum to Emperor Bao Dai, Chief of the Vietnam State, is being drafted late tonight and brings France's position in Indo-China to a head.

Bao Dai is to be asked whether or not his Government is prepared to remain in the French Union.

The question has arisen since the National Vietnamese Congress, a consultative body of leading Vietnamese appointed by Bao Dai himself, declared last week that they wanted total national independence and that this was incompatible with membership of the French Union as at present constituted.

This declaration has exploded the long smouldering discontent in France about the war in Indo-China.

Socialists and Gaullists, as well as many Assembly members, are now asking what French officers and troops are fighting and dying for in Indo-China, whatever the outcome of the war, the Vietnam Republic will sever all connection with France.

Behind this question lies the very widely shared feeling that France has carried the burden of the anti-Communist fight in Indo-China long enough and that the little has come for her to be relieved by other Allies.

Typical of this feeling was a meeting of the Radical Party Deputies today at which two Deputies declared that they would say in the forthcoming Parliamentary debate on Indo-China that French troops in Indo-China must be relieved in the shortest possible time.

The Gaullist Deputies were urging that Bao Dai should be told that, if he cannot guarantee the Vietnam Republic's membership.

De Gaulle Sees Haile Selassie

Addis Ababa, Oct. 21. General Charles de Gaulle and his wife were received by Emperor Haile Selassie today.

Later, the de Gaulles attended a reception at the French Embassy and at night were the guests at a dinner at the Imperial Palace.

They will leave Ethiopia tomorrow for Paris. — France-Press.

Adlai Stevenson To Appear Before Trade Commission

Washington, Oct. 21. Mr Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic leader, will be asked to give his advice on foreign trade to President Eisenhower's 17-member Trade Study Commission.

The Commission, which aims to get a non-partisan solution to the problem before Congress is called on to act on the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, will also seek advice from former Republican President Herbert Hoover.

Senator Prescott Bush (Republican, Connecticut), a Congressional member of the Commission, said today that the Commission would hear these two leaders at a public session next week.

The Commission has arranged private hearings for today and Thursday, and will have before it two former administrators of the foreign aid programme, Mr Paul Hoffman and Mr Averell Harriman.

"It is going to be difficult to find a formula which will step up our imports and still not threaten individual American industries," Senator Bush declared.

But he added: "If there is an answer, I am confident the Commission will find it."

The Commission's recommendations would be ready for March, he said. Meanwhile, a Republican critic of foreign imports, Mr Richard Simpson of Pennsylvania, told the National Coal Association, now meeting in Washington, that the Republican Party "will not fall in its traditional responsibility" of protecting United States industries and workers from "unfair foreign competition."

He said it might take time for the Republicans to evolve "a sane foreign trade policy" because of "intimidation, ill-considered, incongruous and ill-

CHINESE SEAT IN THE U.N.

Position Of Britain Again Defined

London, Oct. 21.

The British Government still hopes that the day for settling the problem of China's representation in the United Nations will have been brought nearer by the armistice in Korea, Mr Anthony Nutting, Foreign Under-Secretary, said today.

He was answering a question by Mr Stephen Swingle, Labour, in the House of Commons.

Mr Swingle asked what action Britain had taken at the United Nations Assembly since the signature of the Korean armistice agreement to secure the entry of the Chinese People's Government into the United Nations.

He also asked what further steps the Foreign Office would take.

Mr Nutting replied that Mr R. A. Butler, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, had said on July 30 that the British Government believed that the Central People's Government should represent China in the United Nations, but that for reasons which had been frequently explained, consideration of this question should be postponed. Mr Butler had expressed the hope that the day for settling this problem would have been brought nearer by the armistice in Korea.

"That is still our position," Mr Nutting commented. — Reuters.

Labour Chief Advocates More US Aid

Washington, Oct. 21.

American Labour leader Walter Reuther, President of CIO, said tonight that he was convinced that the more technicians the United States sent to foreign countries the less they would have to send their soldiers.

He was speaking at a banquet organised by the Committee of the Crusade for Peace, an organisation comprising American politicians, businessmen, trade union leaders, literary and university men.

He reaffirmed the intention of the American trade unionists to fight to avoid a new world war. Other speakers were Under-Secretary of State, Walter Bedell Smith, Mark Koriwicz, former member of the Polish delegation to the United Nations, and now a refugee in the United States, and Mr Joseph Grew, former United States Ambassador in Japan and Director of the "National Committee for a Free Europe."

Mr Koriwicz emphasised the extent of the Soviet appropriation in Poland, where he said, the Russians had trampled underfoot all political, religious liberties. — France-Press.

Mt. Everest Herbs Meet In London

London, Oct. 21.

Members of the team who conquered Mt. Everest met at a luncheon in London today. Also present was one of the men who saw the summit from the air 20 years ago. He was Group Captain David McIntyre, who with the Duke of Hamilton, braved a hurricane force wind to fly round the crest of Everest in an open cockpit plane in 1933. — France-Press.

Russians Buy Wool

Moscow, Oct. 21.

Russian buyers were active at today's wool auction. They were in the market particularly for fine crossbred wools and competed strongly for these types against Continental, Japanese and British dealers. — Reuters.

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TRIESTE, TITO, PELLA AND LUCE

By George Weller

TITO, Pella and Clare Boothe Luce are today facing the most decisive days of their careers as some 7,000 American and British troops are packing to evacuate Trieste.

Having sustained his first undoubted setback in prestige, Marshal Tito, Yugoslavia's president, stands as near danger as possible for a Communist dictator in power.

Italy's premier, mountain-banker Giuseppe Pella, is running his redoubtable hair about how to handle 200 Communist-led deputies and sullen neo-Fascists who insist that Italy

is the worst loser in post-war affairs.

Mr. Luce firmly disclaims that she alone mothered the formula giving Trieste to what she calls "full Italian sovereignty." Receiving newsmen in a modest short-length dark-blue dress, with a huge red rose and white spots on the collar, she attributed the Trieste solution to "three American ambassadors" as well as British colleagues.

She brushed off congratulations as premature and warned her hearers to await Italian reactions.

Her denials of authorship were taken with heavy salt because it is known that this embassy has been working intensely since Sept. 1 to clear the Trieste road-block from the path to European unity.

While angry crowds were seen in Western embassies in Belgrade, diplomats were nervously trying to chart Tito's countersteps. Since Tito rekindled his relations with Russia and his satellites last month, his powers of token reprisal are limited.

Hot Spot

Yugoslavia will place its case before the United Nations. This step puts Tito's Balkan allies, Turkey and Greece on the hot and of whether to support him and antagonise Italy, or abandon him and thereby doom the three-power military agreement still awaiting negotiation.

Tito has kept the door to joining the North Atlantic Alliance open and is expected now to slam it.

Without renouncing his claims to urban Trieste, Tito is expected to demand that the American furnish fresh proof of loyalty by increased arms gifts.

When the shock of his disavowal has passed, however, Tito is not likely to throw himself into Soviet Premier Malenkov's arms. It is felt.

His likeliest move is to increase efforts to find neutralist

allies in the Middle East and Asia.

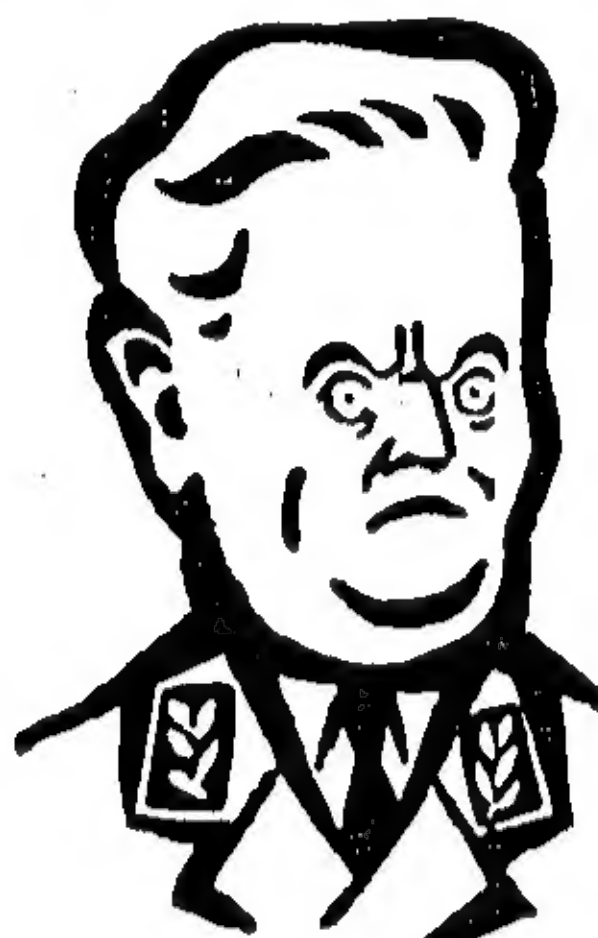
Pella is not going overboard yet in thanking the Americans and British for Trieste, because officially Italy is getting only half a loaf. Italy's policy remains anchored officially to the American-British-French promise of 1948.

Under this promise—made to embarrass the Italian Communists before Stalin denounced Tito—the three powers pledged Italy both halves of Trieste.

Italy's Communists, who for nine years have been howling that Trieste is an Anglo-American military base, echoing Moscow's broadcasts, have ignored fulfilment of demands that Trieste be evacuated.

Instead, they have pounded the British and Americans for having "overridden the Italian chamber" and abandoned the tripartite pledge.

Pella's immediate task is selling "liberation" to Trieste citizens in face of Tito's warning that Trieste will suffer economically. Tito is probably right.



MARSHAL TITO

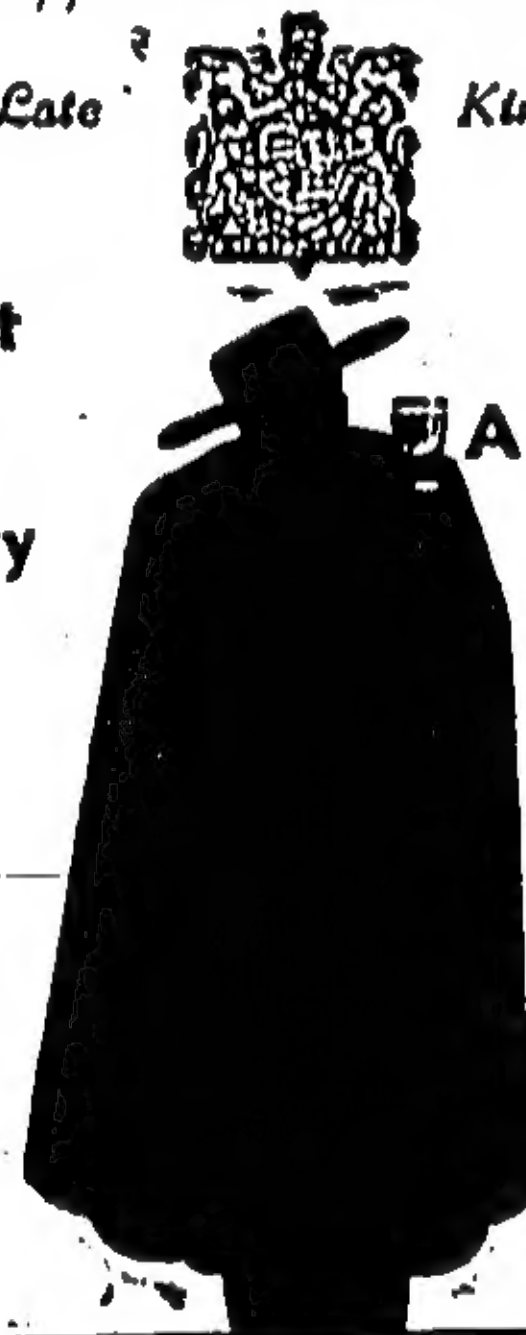
should have got all Trieste, not simply the bigger half.

But Pella and his predecessor, Alcide de Gasperi, are proud of having saved Trieste from the clutches of the hard core of diehard nationalists.

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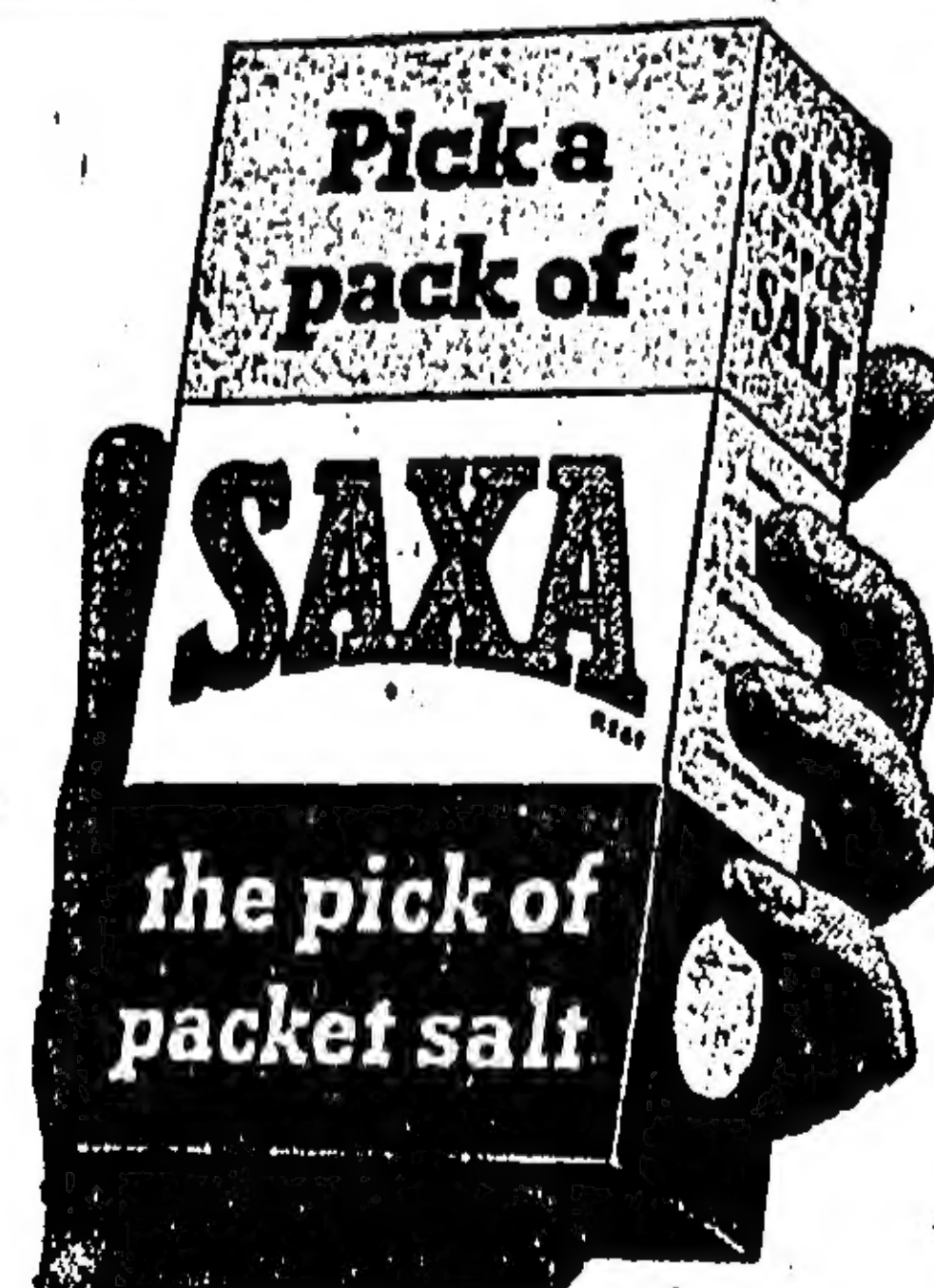
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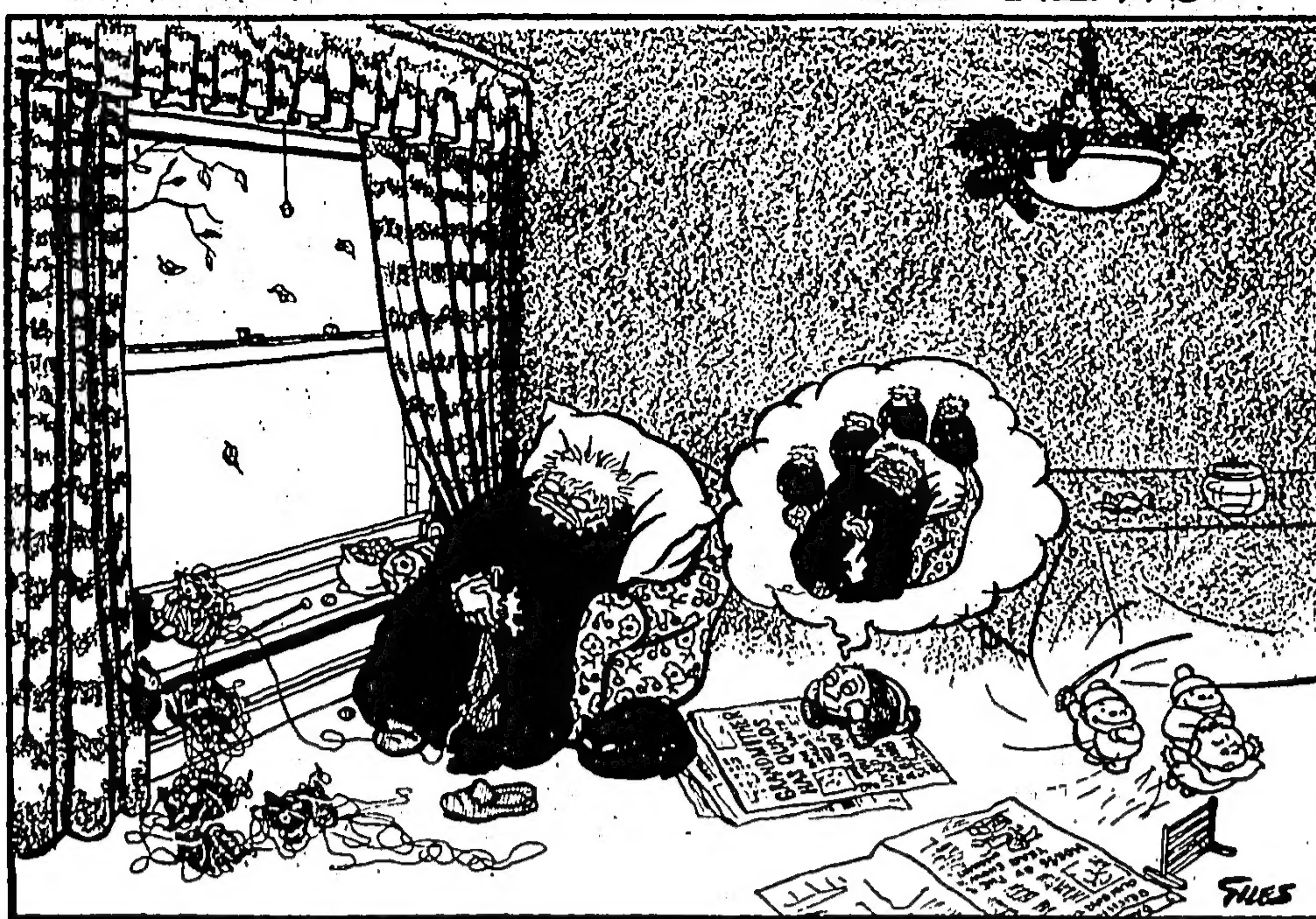
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This British Comeback Flabbergasts America

New York, Tuesday. FROM this distance Sir Winston Churchill, Mr. Eden, and the Conservatives look and sound like Confidence Unlimited.

The Americans are not merely impressed—they are slightly flabbergasted to see Britain quietly reasserting, or at least reaching for, world leadership.

After all, it was only two or three years ago that tens of thousands of words were being cabled here from London quoting the well-known "informed sources" and "unimpeachable authorities" that we were on the rocks.

I even remember reading a much-advertised series in the Scripps-Howard newspapers called "The Story of a Once Great Nation." Well, fancy that.

There has been quite a change. Mr. Walter Lippmann, who has always had faith and remained constant, now can write: "Churchill is saving the grand alliance," and the thoughtful agree with him.

Balanced comment

LIPPMAN can point out that the United States, "for various reasons, largely internal, has been forced to suspend its leadership of the free world," and the readers sadly nod their heads.

I was pleased to see the prestige newspapers here published the Churchill and Eden speeches in full and printed long and intelligent interpretations and editorial comment.

What can President Eisenhower and his Administration be thinking as they see the Western world leadership slip from their grasp?

There are more and more reports that Mr. Eisenhower does not relish being President.

We all know he only accepted the nomination most reluctantly and imagined he could be above and beyond politics. But it hasn't turned out like that, and friends say that he is disillusioned with the trickery and deal-making that are politics' bedfellows.

Of his first 253 days as President, Mr. Eisenhower spent 43 away from the White House. He is troubled with painful bursts, and his health is sometimes the subject of anxious discussion.

The President, always a religious man, is more devout than ever. He spends several hours each week in private devotion. All Cabinet meetings are opened with prayers. He never misses church unless he is ill, and more and more in his speeches refers to divine guidance.

The majority opinion here is that he will not seek the Presidency again next week has been particularly troublesome for the President. After a great deal of advance talk about "Operation Candour"—telling the people the brutal facts about the hydrogen bomb and what it

could do to the United States—"Operation Candour" became "Operation Confusion."

Public officials, including Cabinet Ministers, fell over themselves making contradictory statements about the atom and hydrogen bombs. We were told one day that we could all be wiped out. We were told the next that we could not be wiped out.

One man, Val Peterson, head of the Civil Defense Administration, said atomic warfare was inevitable and the "whole book" in modern weapons would be thrown against the U.S.

Like stops it

SECRETARY of Defence Charles Wilson said it would take three years before the Russians had sufficient bombs and aeroplanes to deliver them in an attack here. Various major and minor officials joined in the babel.

Finally, the President barred further talk from the blabbermouths and issued a statement himself which, unfortunately, left everyone still confused.

The public, knowing much more common sense and restraint than the politicians, refused to get H-bomb jitters and went about their business of earning an honest dollar and then sending a considerable slice of it to Europe and Asia.

With all this going on, Britain's firm action in British

Gulana has not claimed too much attention, but those who have read or heard about it are impressed.

Stupid talk of "cringing appeasement" on the part of America's allies—imagine anyone accusing Sir Winston Churchill of cringing or appeasement—has diminished.

The one fear

THE ordinary Americans, particularly parents of small children, have naturally been very much occupied with the kidnap-murder of six-year-old Bobby Greenleaf rather than with great world issues.

Police and the F.B.I. fear that the Greenleaf case might spark other abductions. Actually, since passage of the Lindbergh Law, which gives the F.B.I. jurisdiction and authorises the death penalty, there has only been a handful of kidnappings. It is the death penalty which makes the kidnap thugs hesitate—nothing else.

Among parents I know, no one is letting his young children go out alone since the Greenleaf mystery ended in a sickening tragedy.

It has been my custom to let my eight-year-old daughter take the dog for a walk along the avenue or to buy newspapers and cigarettes for me at the corner shop. No longer. Children up to 11 years and older, all over the country, are now being escorted to school by father, mother, or friends.

There is no crime so hideous as that against a child—trust, innocent, wholly vulnerable. Parents are asking: "How shall we protect our children?" and they demand an answer.

Colour bar goes

IT has been comparatively quiet on Broadway. "The Little Hut," such a success in London, has been received coolly. Without Robert Morley, the play has lost its magic and seems tedious. The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel is confident that Noel Coward will agree to play there this winter in an engagement similar to his one at the Cafe de Paris in London, but no confirmation comes from Noel. Anyway, if he wants £3,000 a week or so he can have it.

Racial segregation, which has been protested a long time in Washington's cinemas and theatres, is on its way out. Negroes are no longer being refused admission. About time. Elvira Maxwell reports that playwright Frederick Lonsdale conceals the disappearance of Burgess and Maclean with the softening Russian attitude towards the West, but offers no details.

Paul Muni returns to the stage in R.C. Sherriff's "Homo at Seven," re-titled here as "Murder on Monday," starring Ralph Richardson.

Rudolf Bing starts his fourth season as the director of the Metropolitan Opera. His success has been phenomenal and he stands no nonsense from the prima donna.

NOSING INTO NOISE

By J. W. Taylor

NO flats in all Britain have had such noisy occupants as three blocks at Abbots Langley, and never was there such scant respect for the peace and quiet of the neighbours.

They were used by the Building Research Section of the Government's Department of Scientific and Industrial Research as experimental laboratories in an effort to find the secret of less noise.

And proceedings were something like this: A man in hob-nailed boots clomped around with only pauses to bang away with a hammer to the accompaniment of almost ceaseless whistling; loudspeakers bellowed in one room and were recorded at 50 points in others; men in carpet slippers shuffled about on bare boards and hob-nailed ones did a dance; men blew whistles; rapping machines of four two-pound brass hammers set to work banging ten blows a second, then rubber hammer-heads were substituted, followed by ebony heads, heavy sharp and dull thuds and cracks alike being plotted on graphs for vibration and noise.

Then the search turned to materials to defeat the din. Common ones were granulated cord, felt and fibre board. More unusual were glass, silk, wool, rubber pads. Helping out were double walls, false ceilings and the revolutionary "floating floor."

New Means

Tests such as these are leading to the discovery of new means of keeping homes quieter, for science shows that it is possible and practical to dim the din of this modern age.

They need to be. Surveys taken in five large cities reveal that flat dwellers in modern blocks have most noises to complain of... door slamming, radios heard through 18 inches of brick wall, water cisterns, conversation, babies crying, tenants going up and down stairways.

Fifty-seven percent of people in such flats suffer from neighbour noise, compared with only 25 percent in older type flats and a mere 27 percent of those who live in houses.

Sleep broken by noise is a similar story. In new flats, mostly of pre-war construction, the percentage was 52; in old flats, chiefly large converted houses, it was 26; in houses only 21.

Noisy Office

Noises in office, factory and street were also tackled. There was not one word about noise when the management were troubled in one place about 27 girls out of 200 daily reporting sick. Noise experts covered the bare walls with maps, had typewriters set on felt pads, tyres put on trolleys and asbestos fibre sprayed on the ceilings—and the sick parade dropped to six a day.

Investigations showed that the noisy office is worse than the busy streets, the former with 70 decibels of noise intensity against the latter's sixty decibels. A punch press hammers out 100 decibels—well over the limit of 85 at which ordinary voices can be heard. At 110 decibels the sound of noise becomes feeling. Beyond it hearing is damaged if the ears are assaulted for a long time.

Some 43 percent of riveters have deafness in both ears, compared to six to nine percent of workers in quieter trades. Ear plugs are a partial remedy, but the workers will not wear them because they do not like them.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Don't blame me, Wilbur. I told you not to wear your bifocals."

Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

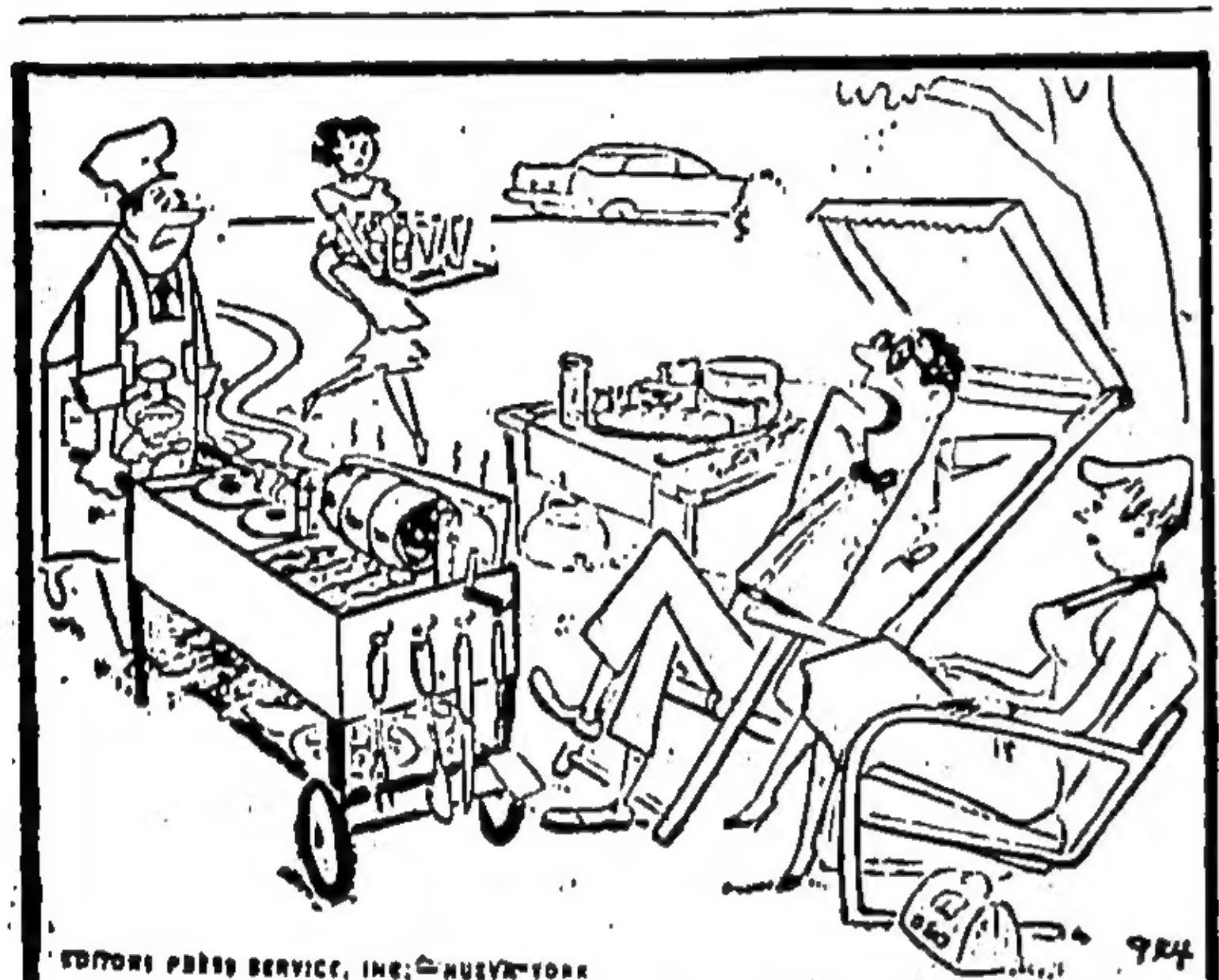
THE report that collectors are beginning to infiltrate the Harley Street means that the over-crowding and sub-letting of corners of consulting rooms will not stop.

What a muddle there will be when a lady, who thinks she is being followed by a mysterious dwarf on a tricycle, and has got into the wrong corner, is asked if she wants to make a will. "Do you think I want to make a will?" she asks. "I'm not a doctor, and I don't know what on earth you are talking about." Again, a lady says to the man she mistakes for a solicitor, "I want to consult you about some bailiffs, who are rather bothering me." "They are not bailiffs," says the kindly specialist. "Nonetheless," says she. "One of them is sleeping in the bath."

Uneasy lay her head
A "QUEEN" has been disoriented from wearing her crown, because the wind might blow it off. Missie Slope, when she was Queen of the Forest, got round the difficulty by wearing a plastic chin-strap. One of them said this was undignified. One of them said, "The night as well carry a sceptre made of Worthing rock." Later, Missie substituted for the strap one of those hatbands worn long ago with straw hats at the seaside. This, too, was objected to. Finally Missie held the crown on with both hands, and fell into the model dustbin "where she belonged," said a scurrilous councillor.

Conversation between gourmets
TUTTAT was a wonderful dinner. Reggie. And that wine! What was it? A Rheimsburg, I'd say. "Where was it from?" "Not really. How marvelous. I must order a case. I bet it's packed with vitamins. Zoo. If they can teach him to play the bagpipes in such a way that the notes seem to be coming from a rhinoceros, I'll be satisfied. It will be but a step—no rather a hop—from the Zoo to the Palladium."

Animal Friday
A GIANT grasshopper, three inches long, which eats raw meat and is a voracious hunter, is being bred by a man named Mr. J. M. J. in his garden. The grasshopper is being bred in a special cage made of wire mesh. The man says that the grasshopper is very intelligent and can be taught to do many things. He says that the grasshopper is very friendly and can be handled easily. He says that the grasshopper is very beautiful and can be kept as a pet.

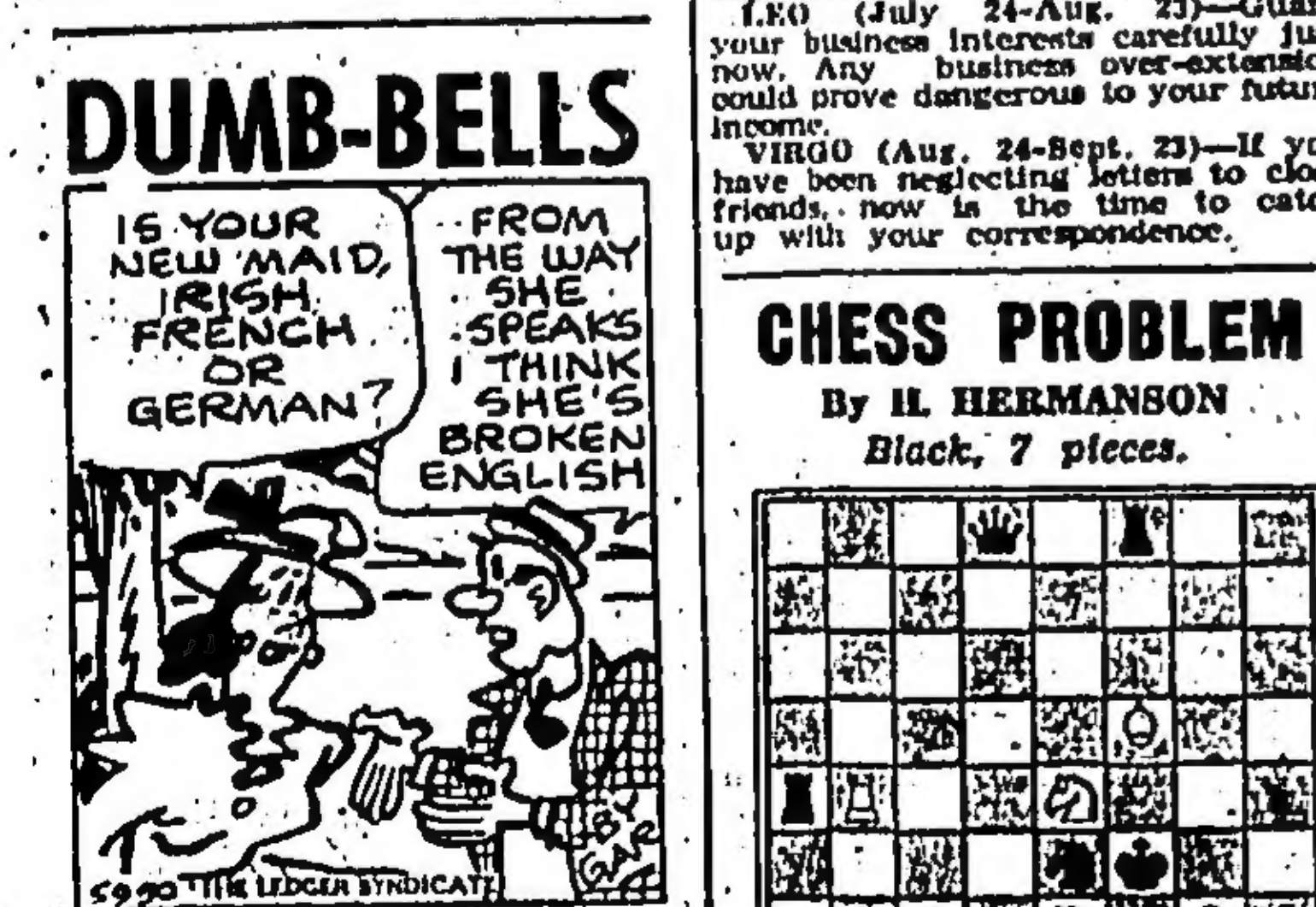


"I hope you folks haven't gone to any trouble."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
BORN today, there are two sides to your nature. One is a very quiet, unassuming individual who likes to take things easy and does the best of his life; the other, a vigorous, hard-working person, willing to labour hard and do the things you want out of life. This combination is apt to make you work by the clock. When you are enthusiastic, you work your fingers to the bone. But minus a definite objective, you will miss along at a snail's pace, seemingly not caring whether you get anywhere at all. You are exceptionally adaptable and can turn your hand to almost anything. Consequently, you must take stock of your life, early in youth, to see that your directions are definitely pointed somewhere. For if you permit your energies to be too widely dispersed, your success may be delayed in arriving. Your magnetic personality makes you popular with everyone with whom you come in contact and this often gets "breaks"—without appearing to try very hard. Your emotions are near the surface and you are inclined to show them more than you should. Learn self-control but don't go too far in the opposite direction and suppress your natural affections or that will do as much harm. You have a keen sense of humour. Don't let it betray you in playing practical jokes on others, for that is one easy way to lose friends in a hurry.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
LILIA (Sept. 21-Oct. 23)—The aspects are excellent for any or all of your activities today. Decide exactly what you want and go out after it.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—If your budget appears to be breaking out at the seams, do a little re-modelling. Call in the family and hold a conference.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)—If you tackle the really hard stuff, then you will find that everything else appears very simple, indeed.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—You will discover that concentrating on the job at hand will pay more than anything else. Don't let your attention wander!
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Avoid letting yourself be thoughtlessly critical of what others do. Take a look at your own self, first.



WHAT'S HIS LINE?
IVAN GAROT
Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.
(Solution on Page 10)

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Third Hand High Rule Explained

NORTH		25
♠	QJ 107	02
♥	10 9 8 7 4	
WEST		EAST
♠	A 0 5	♠ K Q 8 7
♥	A K 0 3	♥ 0 4 2
♦	8 5	♦ K 10 9 7 4 3
♣	Q J 5 2	♣ None
SOUTH (D)		
♠	10 9 4 2	
♥	Q 9 3	
♦	A Q J	
♣	A K 0 3	
North-South vul.		
South	West	North
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥
Double	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Double	Pass
Opening lead—♦ 8		

By OSWALD JACOBY
"THIRD hand high" is one of the time-honoured maxims of defensive play in bridge. It is usually quite correct for the third person who plays to a trick to put up a high card in order to force out a higher card from the last player. This practice either wins the trick for the third player or helps to establish some other card for the leader or his partner.

There is no virtue in playing third hand high when you see that you cannot accomplish either of these objectives. Today's hand illustrates this point.

West opened the eight of diamonds, clearly his highest card in his partner's suit. It should have been quite clear to East that the missing high diamonds were all in the South hand. Since South had the ace, queen and jack of diamonds, East could not win the trick by playing his king of diamonds. Nor could East establish a defensive diamond trick by playing his king of diamonds.

This should be a well-known position to an experienced bridge player. When you can obviously do your side no good by playing high, you should play low—even though you happen to be third hand.

In this case, East knew the rule but didn't know the reason for it. Blindly following the rule, he played the king of diamonds at the first trick. South gratefully won the first trick with the ace of diamonds, cashed the queen of diamonds, and then led the jack of diamonds.

It didn't matter much what West did on the third round of diamonds. Dummy could discard a spade, and South was sure to save one trick. The defenders could now take two trumps and two hearts, but only one spade. South thus got away with the comparatively inexpensive loss of 200 points.

★ ★ WOMANSENSE ★ ★

What Makes An Attractive Woman?

By EILEEN ASCROFT

WHAT makes an attractive woman? Beauty is not everything—a woman may have a beautiful face, but an empty head and an arid heart.

Margot relishes when not thinking about dancing. She has a lively wit and a talent for cooking.

MRS NEVILLE DUKE

PERFECT WIFE—I award this title to a calm, practical girl of 33, Gwendoline Duke, wife of test pilot Neville Duke. Her enthusiasm for her husband's job is warm.

Gwendoline Duke is neither beautiful nor talented. Her chief interest outside her home is breeding blue and cream Persian cats. But she possesses something rare in women... inner serenity.

LADY DOCKER

FABULOUS STAR in an all-too-utilitarian sky is the flamboyant Lady Docker. You either admire her zest for living and spending her considerable fortune, or you denounce her as self-indulgent.

I admire Nora Docker. She has a lively brain and enough femininity to conceal it.

She enjoyed her poor days as a 50s-a-week salesgirl. She enjoys her rich times as mistress of the wonder £100,000 yacht Shemara, as owner of an £8,500 gold-plated car, and as chateleine of three luxury homes.

But rich or poor, it is life that she enjoys. Although she loves elegant clothes and having her picture in the papers, Nora Docker is one of the few wealthy people who could go back to being poor and still have fun.

MME JACQUELINE AURIOL

WHO SAYS the spirit of adventure is a masculine prerogative? At Farnborough I met a woman who combines dash and bravado with feminine charm.

Mme. Jacqueline Auriole, daughter-in-law of the President of France, is one of the two women to pilot an aeroplane.

through the sound barrier at 700 mph. "Our Jackie" (to the French air force) is a fearless flier. In 1944, after a crash, she faced 20 plastic surgery operations; her first act on recovery was to learn to fly a helicopter.

Charm, too, is an important part of this slender 35-year-old Frenchwoman. It lights her bright blue eyes and warms her radiant smile.

She loves chic suits and high heels and wears her brown hair in a short, elegant style. She treasures her vitality and health, keeps her weight about 8st., smokes little and drinks only light wine.

She is brave, talented, gay: a devoted mother to her two teenage sons.

FIONA CAMPBELL-WALTER

A MAN'S GIRL must be beautiful, healthy, good company and gay. She must be prepared to work for her living and still look like a lady of leisure.

Fiona Campbell-Walter, 21 years old, with auburn, centre-parted hair, creamy skin, perky figure and black-fringed hazel eyes, meets all the requirements of beauty.

Although she has been the glamour girl of the Coronation season, numbering Billy Wallace and a bevy of dukes among her escorts, and although she was the toast of the Dalketh wedding, she is still delightfully serious about her work.

AUDREY HEPBURN

NOT BEAUTIFUL by Hollywood standards, but this girl has charm. Audrey Hepburn, 23 years old, shares with Dorothy Tutin and Claire Bloom the future hopes of the British stage and screen.

Her smile is wide and warm, revealing an actively uneven teeth. There is a gaiety about her chin face that makes you feel brighter for the meeting.

Large, dark blue eyes and long black lashes are devastating enough without her make-up. Audrey is an intriguing mixture of Scots, Belgian and Dutch blood. She has the gift of friendship that will always win her admirers and companionship.

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FEARS FOR COLLEGE WOMEN

Waco, Tex.
A Baylor University psychology student reports that only one of every 20 Baylor co-eds isn't afraid of snakes.

Robert D. Wickham of Waco questioned some 700 girls about their fears for his thesis for an M.A. degree.

He said 95 percent of the Baylor women cringe at the sound of the word "snake" and are prone to shriek when they see one.

Building various fears together, Wickham said the assorted problems of courtship and marriage led to more anxiety than any other cause. Some 40 percent of the co-eds feared being "old maids" and 47 percent were scared they wouldn't find the husband best suited to them. Others feared they wouldn't be able to have children and some said they feared childbirth.

Oddest Phobia

Other fears involved robbers and prowlers, death of parents and other loved ones, epidemics, automobile wrecks, war, polio, Communism, reckless driving and being burned.

Many expressed a "fear of God" but Wickham said the oddest phobia was a fear of "assisting in operations at a dog and cat hospital."

The findings, he said, were similar in many respects to a similar survey made in 1930 at the Alabama College for Women. But Wickham said that survey didn't reveal much fear of polio or Communism, both dominant fears for 1958's college women—United Press.



DRAWING by ROK

A GIRL in a red flannel nightgown—copied in detail from the nighties worn 50 years ago—was the hit spot every day at a fashion show recently.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

"Pony" Rides for Everyone

—If You Can Ride on a Squirrel, That Is!

By MAX TRELL
"PONY rides! Who wants a pony ride?" Willy Toad was shouting at the top of his voice.

Knauf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, heard Willy's voice from the top of the hill. They looked at each other for a moment in surprise, for it seemed odd that Willy, being a toad, should have any ponies. Then they ran as fast as they could into the middle of the Pine Tree Grove. Willy's voice was coming from there.

Quite A Crowd
Reaching the middle of the Pine Tree Grove, they found Willy surrounded by a group of potato bugs, all with their mamas or papas. There was also a crowd of young ants and quite a number of small bugs. All of these were dressed in their best clothes and were also with their mamas or papas.

As for Willy Toad, he was dressed in a riding suit with boots, spurs, red coat and a derby hat. "Pony rides!" he kept saying. "Who wants a pony ride?"

Then Knauf and Hanid saw the "ponies".

The "ponies" were small grasshoppers. Each of them had a saddle made of a clover leaf and a bridle made of cobweb. The track was a tiny path around a moss-covered rock.

"Well," said Willy, when he spied Knauf and Hanid, "what about taking a ride?"

Knauf and Hanid laughed. "We couldn't fit on the back of those small grasshoppers," said Knauf.

"Grasshoppers?" said Willy, in a hurt voice. "They may look like grasshoppers to you, but they're ponies to everyone else. Still," he added a moment later, "you may be right about being too big to fit on the back of my ponies. Pardon me a moment."

Shouted With Joy
By this time a great many of the young ants and potato bugs were clamouring for a pony ride. Willy carefully put each of them on the back of the grasshopper-pony. A few moments later, the "ponies" were trotting, or rather hopping, around the track. The young ants and potato bugs shouted with joy.

"There, that's over with," said Willy to Knauf and Hanid. "Now let's see what we can do about getting a pony ride for you."

"We'd like a real pony," said Knauf. "Or anyway," said Hanid, "something that really looks like a pony."

For several moments, Willy stood thoughtfully silent. Suddenly his face brightened. "I have it!"

Knauf and Hanid both wondered what he had. Willy went to the nearest tree and whistled up. No sooner did he do this than a voice from the branches called down: "What do you want, Willy?"

"Come galloping down here!" Willy shouted back. "You're a horse! Somebody wants to ride on your back! And bring your brother with you!"

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Two Red Squirrels

There was a rustle overhead. Then two red squirrels came scampering down.

"Did you say we were horses?" they asked Willy. "I don't see why not," said Willy. He quickly made two saddles of soft moss, used two



Willy Toad, Wearing a Riding Suit, Was Selling "Pony" Rides.

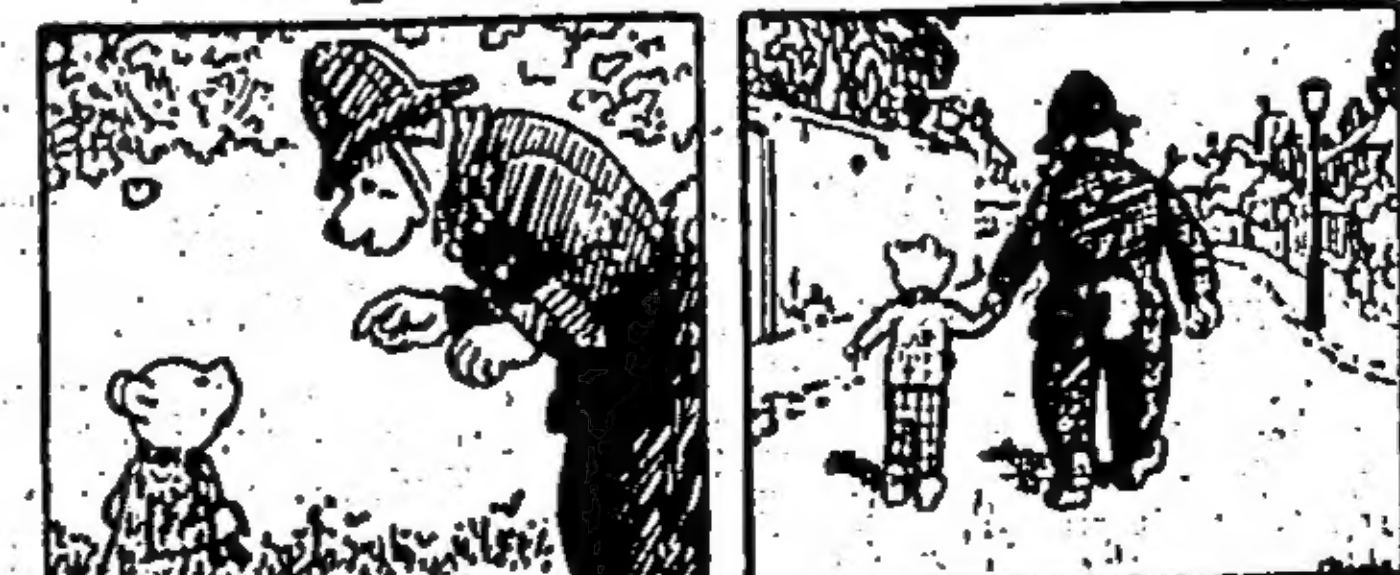
twigs for stirrups, and a tough stem for a bridle. As soon as all this was done, Willy told Knauf and Hanid to get on their "horses" back.

Knauf and Hanid didn't bother to go round and round the track the way the grasshopper-ponies did. They told their "horses" to go wherever they pleased. So the "horses" climbed up trees, leapt from branch to branch, sprang across to other trees and then came half-running, half-flying through the air back to the starting point again.

Knauf and Hanid enjoyed their ride so much that they gave each of the "horses" two acorns! "Or you might call it hay!" said Willy.

And they gave Willy, three freshly-caught bluebottle flies. "You might call these pennies," said Willy. "But I like bluebottle flies even better!"

Rupert and Ozzie—35



Hearing Rupert's shout and the noise of the trapdoor closing, Constable Growler hurried round the corner and stared in amazement. "Why, where have you been?" he cries. There's been a telephone call from Mr. Ozzie in the big city saying that you were lost. He sounded terribly upset and now the whole village is worrying about you!" Rupert tries to tell him about the procession and the crowds but the Constable takes his hand and marches him homewards as fast as he can.

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Dividend warrants will be issued at the registered office of the Company, No. 144-148 Des Voeux Road, Central, 1st Floor, Hongkong, on and after the 26th October, 1953.

By Order of the Board, LAU TAK PO, Managing Director.

Hongkong, 23rd Sept., 1953.

NOTICE

The first Autumn meeting of the Mental Health Study Group will take place on Thursday, October 22nd, at 5.30 p.m. in the British Council Library, Gloucester Building.

Dr. Lu Hui-ching will speak on "Mental Health and The Teacher." You are cordially invited to come and please bring your friends.

The Mental Health Study Group Committee.

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East German

Search For Gunmen

Berlin, Oct. 21. The Anti-Communist Fighting Group Against Humanity said today that East German police were searching for four Czechoslovakians who were believed to have killed four East German policemen.

The East German news agency, ADN, yesterday reported that four policemen had been "murdered" in gun battles near Cottbus, East of Berlin, by "Fascist terrorists" whose nationality it did not give.

The Fighting Group said that on October 16, six Czechs boarded a Berlin-bound train at Elsterwerda, about 60 kilometres (about 40 miles) from Cottbus. A police patrol stopped and searched the train at Ucker, near Luckau, and tried to arrest the Czechs.

They "shot it out" with the police, killing one and injuring others. The police arrested two of them and the other four escaped.—Reuter.

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Inauguration Of New Indian City



President Prasad of India inaugurates Chandigarh, a new city which, in the words of Premier Nehru, "symbolizes India's freedom unfettered by the tradition of the past." Several thousand guests from all over Northern India assembled at Chandigarh to see the President bless the still unfinished capital, and saw him press an electric button to unveil a master plan of Chandigarh.—Express Photo.

Political Skirmishes In U.S. For Elections In 1954

Washington, Oct. 21.

The Republican and Democrat parties are even now skirmishing for crucial election battles late next year (1954) to decide which party will control Congress.

In more than a decade, the political division of the Senate and the House of Representatives has never been as close as it is now, with the Republicans holding hairline majorities and a Republican President in the White House.

Round-Up In Davao

Manila, Oct. 21.

Sixty illegal Indonesian immigrants were reported today to have been rounded up in a town in northern Davao.

The provincial constabulary commander, Col. Cirilo Venzon, said there are more illegal Indonesian immigrants in other municipalities of the province.

He deplored the lack of facilities that would enable him to track down all of the Indonesians, many of whom were said to be engaged in smuggling opium, sugar, cigarettes and other articles.—United Press.

Freedom Of Press Stage Nearer In West Germany

Frankfurt, Oct. 21.

West Germany has gone another step towards freedom from Allied control with the Americans closing down their German-language daily newspaper and the British selling theirs to a rising young German publisher.

All daily newspapers in West Germany are now under German ownership again.

The Western Allies, however, still have the right to ban a newspaper if it publishes material which they consider threatens the security of their forces. A ban by one of the Allies does not necessarily commit the other two.

The West German press will be free of all Allied control when the Bonn conventions replace the occupation statute as the instrument governing relations between West Germany and Britain, France and the United States. The conventions are linked to the six-nation European Army Treaty and both await ratification before they can come into force.

A few weeks ago, the British High Commission announced the sale of Die Welt, one of the largest and most influential daily papers, in West Germany, to Herr Axel Springer, a 41-year-old Hamburg newspaper publisher.

The American High Commission newspaper, Die Neue Zeitung, was closed down in the first half of September after running since October 15, 1945, when it was published on the instructions of General Dwight Eisenhower, then Allied Supreme Commander in Europe. An edition is still, however, being published in West Berlin because of Berlin's special position behind the "Iron Curtain."

Journalists agree that both Die Welt and Die Neue Zeitung played a major role in setting the post-war Democratic

standards of a free West German press.

Most German newspapers published today are soberly presented and print a high proportion of foreign news to help keep their readers informed on world affairs.

Most newspapers today claim to be independent of political parties, though, in fact, the overwhelming majority are conservatively inclined. Nearly all are privately-owned.

The Social Democrats, the main Opposition Party in West Germany, which got nearly 8,000,000 votes in the general election on September 6, has less than a dozen daily newspapers which support its cause in varying degrees.

There are several Communist daily newspapers, the chief one being the Freies Volk, published by Party headquarters at Duesseldorf. Their circulation is secret, but it is believed to be less than the 800,000 votes the Party got in the last election.

None of Germany's former big papers such as the Frankfurter Zeitung, the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, of Berlin, the Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, or the Koelische Zeitung has appeared since the war.

It was recently reported, however, that the Frankfurter Zeitung, a prominent independent conservative paper which survived into the Hitler period, might start publishing again next year.—China Mail Special.

The American voter will go to the polls on November 2 next year to elect 35 of the 96 Senators and all 435 members of the House of Representatives.

This vote will determine whether President Eisenhower will have for another two years:

1. Continued Republican control of both houses;
2. Democrat control of both;
3. A split decision with Republicans controlling one and the Democrats the other.

The opening of the 1954 Congressional campaign more than a year ahead of the elections was signalled by two big party conferences and fund-raising dinners at which the guests paid 100 dollars (about £35 14 shillings sterling) for a 5-dollar (about 35 shillings) meal.

Speeches by such figures as Mr. Eisenhower and party chiefs of the Republican side, and former President Truman and Mr. Adlai Stevenson for the Democrats constituted the opening shots of the drive to capture the votes next year.

It also set the pattern for the House and Senate members who are using the Congressional recess now to campaign in their home States for re-election.

As of now the party strength in the Senate is: 47 Republicans, 47 Democrats, one Independent, and one vacancy—the seat formerly held by the late Republican leader, Senator Robert Taft of Ohio.

In the House the standing is: 218 Republicans, 213 Democrats, one Independent, with three Republican seats vacant. A bare House majority is 218.

The current opinion among "neutral" Congressional authorities at this moment is that the Democrats have an excellent chance of capturing the House, but that the Republicans should be able to retain control of the Senate.

Such a split decision would spell new trouble for President Eisenhower whose legislative programmes would have to pass through the hands of the rival party. The party in control has majorities on all Committees and also holds the influential Committee Chairmanships.

THE ODDS

Legislation must have the approval of both the Senate and the House before it can become law, although there is an exception in the case of ratification of treaties which can be done by the Senate alone.

The last time Congressional control was divided between the two major parties was in the depression years of 1930-32 when President Herbert Hoover had a Democrat House and a Republican Senate.

In the opinion of the political analysts, the Democrats have mathematical odds against them in their drive to seize the Senate.

But in the House they are favoured by the traditional voting trend in mid-term elections (in which the Presidency is not involved) which usually results in gains for the opposition.

Only once in the past decade has the party in power increased its strength in the House in the mid-term elections. That was in 1934 when, under President Roosevelt, the Democrats reversed the trend.

HARD FIGHTS
Democratic party leaders privately admit that they face an uphill fight in the Senate. In the first place, there are more Democrats than Republicans in the 1954 elections. Of the 35 places to be contested, 21 are at present held by Democrats and only 13 by Republicans. The remaining seats are the one left vacant by Senator Taft's death.

About 10 of the contested Democratic seats are in traditionally Democratic strongholds in the South but there is some concern over the prospects in the conservative Mid-West where three Democratic Senators, Mr. Paul Douglas of Illinois, Mr. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, and Mr. Guy Gillette of Iowa, are facing hard fights for re-election.

On the other hand, the Republicans are not too happy over their candidates' chances of re-election. In New Jersey, Massachusetts and Kentucky.—China Mail Special.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

SENSITIVE INDEX DROPS

Industrial Output In U.S. Falls Four Per Cent

Dollar Reserves Of P.I. Position Improves

Manila, Oct. 21.

The international dollar reserve position of the Philippines has considerably improved over the past few weeks, indicating encouraging advances made by the country's economy.

The country's dollar reserve now stands at \$200,000,000 from the December low of \$245,000,000 in August last year. President when the Korean armistice was announced so far has proved unfounded, since foreign demand for Philippine raw materials and export products has not declined but improved. The recovery of copra is quite impressive. The price in Manila has gone up to \$18.00 per 100 kilos, \$1.00 higher than the prevailing price a month ago and \$3.50 higher than a year ago.

The copra price increase has also helped coconut oil, which is now firm at 65 centavos per kilo, three centavos higher than a month earlier and 12 centavos more than a year ago.

Another major dollar earner, hemp, has kept at a level maintaining last year's figures. It continues to sell at \$21.50 per bale, only half a dollar less than a year ago and a dollar lower than the month before.

The price of centrifugal sugar is now \$7.70.

The most impressive recovery among export staples, however, was displayed by leaf tobacco the current prices of which are now way above those of a year ago. The price is now quoted as high as \$61.50 per bale as compared with \$50.20 the month before and \$32.00 a year ago.

It should be noted that sugar, copra, coconut oil and hemp comprise the bulk of this country's exports. Should the current level be maintained, at least till the close of the year, Philippine dollar earnings should pick up in the next few months and there would be a further boost in the international reserve.

Also continuing is a silver lining in the economic horizon is the Philippine-Japan barter pact, the longer end of which is held by the Philippines. For the week ending Sept. 25 last, the Philippines registered a favourable net balance of \$300,000 in barter trade with Japan. This should change the tone of the economic prospects which have been predicting the worst for the Korean trade pact was signed.—France-Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Oct. 21.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today one and three points lower with sales of 150 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to four points lower with sales of 481 contracts.

Contract No. 4 (world)
January (1954) 3.40 nominal
March 3.36
May 3.39
July 3.32
September 3.31 bid
Spot—cents per lb. fob Cuba 3.10

Contract No. 6
November 5.53 bid
January (1954) 5.47 nominal
March 5.43
May 5.49
July 5.52 bid
September 5.60
November 5.69 nominal
Spot—cents per lb. fob NY ex-dock 5.60
—United Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Oct. 21.

The tin market was barely steady. Spot fell 2 1/2 to £610 1/4 and three-months the same amount to £590 1/4 per long ton. Turnover was 80 tons, none for cash. Prices:

Spot tin
buyers 615
sellers 617 1/2
Business 617 1/2
3-month tin
buyers 597 1/2
sellers 597 1/2
Business 597 1/2
—United Press.

The First Decline Since Setback Four Years Ago

By Sydney S. Campell, Reuter's Financial Editor

With the U.S. gross national product showing, in the quarter ended September 30, its first decline since the setback of 1949, caution towards all markets except money stocks still seems advisable.

The index of industrial output, which is more sensitive than the gross national product or the national income, has fallen by about 4 per cent from its peak of last spring.

The decline in the gross national product was trifling, from an annual rate of \$372.1 billion in the second quarter to \$371 billion in the third quarter, no more than might be explained by the margin of error or by the stability of prices contrasting with the previous almost uninterrupted uptrend or inflation of prices since 1949.

If there was even the smallest fractional decline in U.S. prices as a whole in the third quarter (as seems possible) the volume of the national product may still have been a little up, though only a very little.

Similarly the drop in the index of industrial output is no more than could be explained away by accidents such as the General Motors fire. So far, both drops are no worse than the drop in Wall Street has already discounted. Indeed, if the business drops went to further, Wall Street would have over-discounted them and would be due for a rally.

But the indications are that the business drops will go further. Good reports on department store and other retail sales, if they stay good, will not gain any prospect, department store sales are nearly always slow to respond to changes at the headwaters of the business stream. If the U.S. business curve has merely stopped rising for a bit, it could, on the 1949 precedent, be quite serious for some non-dollar countries.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Oct. 21.

The market opened weak and declined further—rubber selling pressure. Prices closed as follows:

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Migrant Mary

MARY is a migrant, whose movements about the country tell the seasons as surely as do those of sensible birds which fly South in search of sunshine as soon as winter warns them our winter is on the way. Not that much instinct is needed for that as a rule.

During the summer, Mary follows the sun to the South Coast. She is a waitress. A good one. She has never been out of a job for want of efficiency, though other things have once or twice interrupted her career.

Normally, however, from Easter to the end of September, Mary serves at holidaymakers' tables. Then, as summer fades and the old ladies, the permanent guests, take over the palm courts again, Mary, too, packs her bags.

ONE-NIGHT STAY

SHE worked last in a Dorset resort, and when she had put the final touches to her plans for the next few months, she landed in her notice, and headed for a big hotel in a snug Surrey village which, she had decided, should be her winter quarters.

They made Mary welcome at the Surrey hotel. They were glad, no doubt, to have a new hand as experienced as Mary's work-record showed her to be. They told her what she would be expected to do.

Whatever that was, Mary quickly found she could not do it. With nearly 20 years' experience as a waitress, she was defeated, on so she said, by the tasks given to her in Surrey. After 24 hours she left.

There was very little left from her summer savings when she arrived in London. She used the money to eat snack meals. She spent two nights sleeping in the waiting-rooms at Euston Station.

OUT OF FUNDS

SHE is a plump, prosperous-looking blonde woman, in her thirties. She did not look helplessly destitute, so it did not occur to anyone to arrest her for wandering abroad and having nowhere to sleep.

On her third day in London, she ran out of money; and she still had the appetite that was a legacy from her summer among sea breezes.

She went to a restaurant where prices are not high, ordered what must have been a sizable meal, ate it, and received the bill for 8s. 4d.

When she had finished the meal, Mary picked up the bill and took it to a floor-walker. "This is my bill. I've no money to pay it," she said.

The police were called, and next morning, at Great Marlborough Street, Mary pleaded guilty to obtaining 8s. 4d. worth of credit by fraud from the restaurant.

"What is she a wanderer?" the magistrate, Mr Paul Bennett, VC, asked when he had been told the story of Mary's crime.

"No, sir," a woman detective said. "She does seasonal work as a waitress. But there are five previous convictions. These are the details."

THE OTHER RECORD

MOST of Mary's crimes had consisted of stealing handbags in the hotels where she had worked. One involved violence. She had gone for a chef with a carving knife, and had been sentenced to eight months for it.

"She was married," the detective said, "but her husband divorced her in 1939."

"Why did you leave this job in Surrey?" the magistrate asked Mary. "Why were you only there one day?"

"I couldn't do the work," Mary said.

The magistrate paused. Perhaps he was wondering, as others were, whether down in Surrey something besides her excellent work record had come to the hotel management's notice. The record the police so diligently kept.

"Fourteen days," said the magistrate.

Mary sighed and shrugged and left for prison. The winter lay ahead her manner seemed to say. There would be as good jobs waiting for one, with a work record as good as hers.

Defence Counsel Addresses Jury In Libel Action

Indo-China War REDS RUSH UP MORE TROOPS

FAKING OF BOOKS ALLEGATION

An allegation that the slip made by the Hongkong Tiger Standard was regarded by Mr Dennis Victor, sole proprietor of the Lido Dance Hall, as a "God-sent opportunity" to make a little money by way of a sideline and that the faking of the dance hall's account books was supervised personally by Mr Victor was made by Mr Charles Loseby, QC, Counsel for the Defence in the libel suit hearing against the Standard in the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr Loseby made these remarks in his opening address prior to calling evidence for the Defence before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes, Acting Puisne Judge, and an all-male Jury.

Plaintiff in the action is Mr Victor, proprietor of the Lido, of 144 Des Voeux Road Central, who claimed a special damage for loss of earnings at the rate of \$636.62 a day as a result of an alleged libel contained in an article published in the issue of the Hongkong Standard dated August 13, 1951. (This claim for special damages has since been withdrawn from the Jury by His Lordship who held there was no case to go to the Jury on the action of the case.)

Defendants are the Tiger Standard, Ltd., newspaper proprietors and publishers, of 179 Wanchai Road, and the Sing Too Jih Pao, printers of the same address.

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Sheaffer's "SNORKEL"

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Oh, let's celebrate our engagement with a big dinner - after we're married we'll always be scrapping!"

The King Case: Counsel Talks Of Witness's Brazen Audacity

"I have never in my life come across more brazen audacity than Seymour's. He will hunt with the hounds in full cry of 'catch criminal' where Jimmy King is concerned, and that same Seymour will run with the hares squeaking excuses of the lamest sort with cries of 'the most generous of men' where John Baptist Ipekjdian is concerned," Mr M. A. da Silva told the Magistrate, Mr Poon Yan-hoi, at this morning's hearing of the case against James Joseph Osborne King.

Mr Silva, summing up for the Defence, was speaking of documents in the transactions for Jockey Club badges which sometimes referred to George Falconer and Co. and sometimes to King personally, and which Seymour had said were indicative of a Falconer transaction with Holden. He pointed out that in the case of the gold transaction, where all documents pointed to a Falconer contract, Seymour had denied this was the case, pointing to Ipekjdian as the firm implicated.

James King, merchant of 20 Bragg Circuit, is accused of having taken \$6,305.94 (A \$400) for the use of his wife, Margaret, on November 17, 1950 whilst a Director of George Falconer and Co. Ltd.

The hearing is before Mr Poon Yan-hoi and in the Supreme Court building.

The Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC, and Mr A. J. Clifford are both for the Prosecution, instructed by Hastings and Company. Mr M. A. da Silva appears for the Defence.

"The most extraordinary part of this very extraordinary case—extraordinary in the sense that it should never have been brought—was the main witness for the Prosecution, was in the witness box he was shown a series of letters, receipts and contracts in respect of the gold transaction. All these showed that it was a Falconer transaction and a Falconer contract," Mr Silva said earlier.

In the 1950 badge contracts some documents were clearly King's and some Falconer's. In the gold contracts they all point to Falconer. But Seymour said Ipekjdian had the contract. When it suits his purpose he will take a series of documents clearly Falconer's and say they belong not to Falconers but to Ipekjdians," Mr Silva added. "He asks the Court to accept that it was a mistake that he used Falconer's name."

When it came to King's case, he said, the story was a different one. "What Ipekjdian can do Jimmy King cannot do. As far as Seymour is concerned Ipekjdian can take tens of thousands of Falconer's dollars without impunity."

"With impunity," Mr Silva shouted. "But if Jimmy King touches a thousand odd dollars he must be judged as a criminal."

"I will show you in due course that when I referred to Seymour as the 'lucky' jockey of Ipekjdian, carrying Ipekjdian's baby for him in Ipekjdian's convenient absence from the Colony, I was not at all wrong."

In fact, Mr Silva said, Seymour told the Court to ignore the letters and invoices in King's name and say the badges contract was a Falconer one. "But when it would appear that Ipekjdian had stolen the money, the usual procedure in a newspaper office was followed, in that the story passed through a sub-editor, who has the last word, and through him the report was sent to the printers."

There was a reporter in the office who converted the facts into a news item, and the sub-editor put on the headlines. In the present case, the information came over the telephone from a reporter of an associated newspaper, who was considered a reliable reporter.

Hearing is proceeding.

PERSONAL LETTERS

Mr Silva said Mr Clifford had drawn attention to letters exchanged between Holden and Falconers in respect of the 1950 contract, but had not drawn attention to other letters of the 1950 contract which were personal to King. He referred to a letter from Holden on September 2, 1950, to King—"In a personal letter he refers to the Jockey Club badges," he said. "In another personal letter Holden mentions 'rising costs' of badges."

"Clearly and indubitably the documents for the 1949 contract show that Holden sold to King and King then passed the badges to Falconers who sold them to the Jockey Club," Mr Silva said. "If he saw it to get no profit in 1948 but decided to get profit in 1950 that is his concern—it is not fraudulent conversion."

In 1949 the documents were all in the name of Falconer. "Clearly Holden thought 'When I sell to King I mark J. J. King; when I sell to Falconers I mark George Falconer,'" Mr Silva continued.

Hearing is continuing.

Stole Three Bicycles

For stealing three bicycles, total value \$200, Chan Kwan, 20, car-cleaver, residing at 15 Centre Street, was sentenced to nine months imprisonment, by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central today.

On Sept. 8, defendant hired a bicycle from the first complainant, Cheung Siu-ping, but failed to return it. On October 3 and 17, with the help of an assistant, he hired two bicycles from the Sing Kee bicycle shop, the property of the second complainant, Choi Fuk-chuen, and again failed to return them. The defendant suggested in selling one of the bicycles to an acquaintance.

Newspaperman Charged

A 42-year-old newspaper reporter, Lo Shun, alias Lo Ka-shun, of the Hui Kat Chun Chuan, 40 Causeway Street, appeared before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning charged on two counts of criminal intimidation. He was remanded for two days in Police custody.

It was alleged that on Tuesday at the Blue Heaven Cafe, King's Theatre, Queen's Road Central, the defendant threatened a woman, Leung Ching, with injury if she did not pay him a sum of money.

On the second count, the defendant was alleged to have threatened Cheng Cho-kwan with injury to his reputation or property in order to get Cheng to dismiss Leung Ching from her employment as a singer at the Blue Heaven Cafe.

Attempt To Steal Launch

It was reported this morning that a private launch, anchored near the Tsimshui Road ferry pier, was boarded about 3 a.m. by three armed men, who overpowered the crew and attempted to sail the launch away.

However, the proprietor, became tangled with the chain of a nearby fishing boat and the intruders then left the launch.

The launch, which is air-conditioned, is said to be valued at \$300,000.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.02, Accent on Rhythm; 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 7.00, Trifling Day Service. Record made yesterday at the Navy League's Annual Ceremony at the Port of Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square, London (Recorded London Relay) Fantasy on British Sea Songs; 7.30, "Down Memory Lane" presented by Allen Woods (Studio); 7.50, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal; 8.15, "Down Memory Lane" (Recorded London Relay); 8.30, "Sports Roundup" including eye-witness accounts of World Middleweight Championship—Randolph Turpin v. Pat Dorian and Sooner England v. The Rest of the World (Recorded London Relay); 8.30, At the Opera—The First Night performance of "Giordano" by Germaine Brinden in the Presence of Her Majesty The Queen—With Joan Cross, Peter Pears, other Principals; Chorus of the Covent Garden Opera and the Covent Garden Opera Orchestra, conducted by John Fricker (The Queen's Hall, London); 9.00, News; 9.15, "Down Memory Lane" (Recorded London Relay); 9.30, Close Down.

Cruiser Leaves

The 13,000-ton American cruiser Quincy left port this morning after a week's recreational visit here. She is under the command of Capt A. H. Taylor, USN.

3 Killed In Explosion

Monika, Oct. 22.

Three persons including a sexagenarian and a four-year-old girl were killed, and six others injured, in an explosion which rocked the town for several minutes when finished and unfinished bombs and firecrackers exploded continuously. Residents in the immediate vicinity were unable to go out and fight the fire because the area was threatened by flying and exploding firecrackers.

Investigation showed that the explosion was caused by the sexagenarian jerking a tinful of powder which burst on her lap, blowing her body to pieces and demolishing the entire building—France-Press.

Military Take Over Airport

Guatemala City, Oct. 20.

Pan American World Airways officials said today that Guatemala City airport was under emergency military restrictions.

The officials said they were told this when airline employees were restricted in their movements at the airport.

They said international airline operations were normal and passenger services were not affected.

The military authorities have given no explanation—Reuter.

What's His Line? Solution NAVIGATOR

London Express Service.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O., Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which are earlier than the G.P.O. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

Registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
North Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
By Surface
India, China, Korea, 1 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Thailand, Burma, 6 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, 1 p.m.
India, China, France, French North & West Africa, 6 p.m.
North Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
U.S.A. & Canada, 5 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Philippines, Noon.
Thailand, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

By Air
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Malaya, Middle East, 8 a.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 9 p.m.

Armed Robbery Charges

Nine Chinese appeared before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central today, charged with armed robbery. On October 11, armed with three revolvers, the defendants, R. is alleged to have robbed "Yuen Chang-koon, owner of the Nam Shing goldsmith shop at Queen's Road Central, ground floor, of 75 gold chains, 70 gold bangles, 45 gold pendants, 11 gold wristbands and 50 gold bracelets."

The case was remanded for seven days, with the defendants in gaol custody.